



Timeless Moments

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

YESTERDAY
is gone.

TOMORROW
has not come.

We have only
TODAY.

Let us begin.

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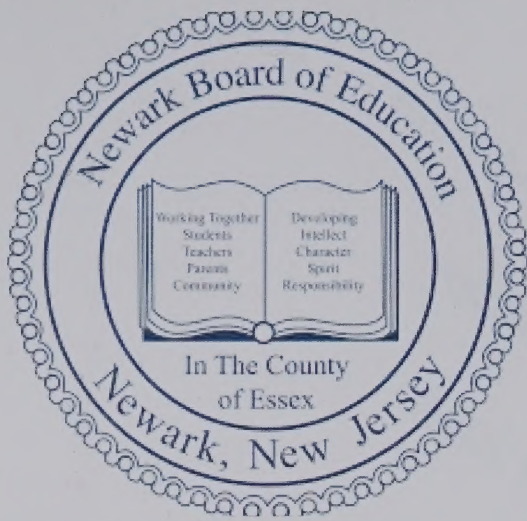
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MOMENTS**

2023



Newark Board of Education

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to deliver an academically rigorous and culturally responsive instructional program that prepares every student for success and builds knowledge, strengthens character, cultivates ingenuity, and fosters leadership.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to build a new educational ecosystem that provides a world-class education for every child in Newark.

Core Values

Children at the Center

Every child is a genius and it is our responsibility to keep their dreams and needs at the center of all decisions.

Commitment to Excellence

We commit to continual, strategic, innovative, and research-based improvement in order to demonstrate excellence at all levels of the organization.

Reciprocal Relationships

We provide opportunities for impactful collaboration within and beyond the organization resulting in student success.

Cultivating Agency

We empower students to become advocates for themselves and for others.

Equity

We disrupt and rebuild every practice, policy, resource distribution, and system that may act as a barrier to opportunities for all.

University High School of the Humanities

55 Clinton Place, Newark, New Jersey 07108



Responsibility

Integrity

Service

Excellence



University High School Home of the Phoenix



University High School has historically been synonymous with academic excellence within the city of Newark and beyond. Our goal is to regain the heights for which we were honored and respected throughout the district. To rise again, we will foster within our walls a community of leaders that will hold themselves responsible for their actions and affect a sea of change within our school family that will help transform the city. Our core values of responsibility, integrity, service, and excellence (R.I.S.E) will be consistently practiced, pursued and pervasive throughout the University High School family. Our school symbol, the Phoenix is a mythical bird that defies the expectations of the natural world by rising from its own ashes to soar to greater heights. With a renewed sense of purpose, we will work hard to turn mythology into reality at “The” University High School of Newark, New Jersey.



Every day we R.I.S.E.
like a Phoenix from the
ashes: emerging from
adversity stronger, smarter
and more powerful

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Principal Note



Greetings University High School
Class of 2023!

“Just like moons and like suns, With the
certainty of tides, Just like hopes springing high,
Still I’ll rise.” — Maya Angelou

Four years ago, we started our University High
School journey together; me beginning my first year as
Principal of my beloved Alma Mater and you, your first year as
Freshmen in high school. During your Freshman orientation, I
charged you to stand on the legacy of the Phoenix, a legacy built
upon our core values: Responsibility, Integrity, Service, and
Excellence. More importantly, I challenged you to maximize your
University High School experience as you create a legacy of your own.

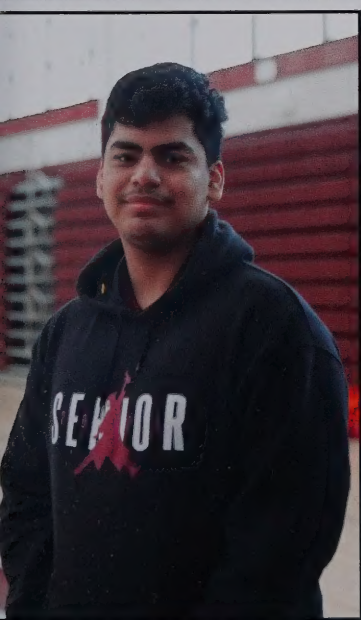
Like a true Phoenix, you responded by rising! When you were forced to shift to virtual learning during your Freshman year, you continued to demonstrate excellence and RISE! When University became the first Newark Public School to take dual enrollment college-in-high school courses with Howard University and Brown University, you responded to the academic demand and were able to RISE! When you became the first cohort to participate in the Earn to Learn summer college experience at Montclair State University, you showed your commitment to your educational journey and your desire to RISE! When athletics was disrupted, you continued to develop your skills and returned to claim two NJSIAA Girls Basketball Group I state championships, two Girls Basketball sectional titles, one Girls Volleyball Super Essex Conference (SEC) National Division championship, one Boys Bowling SEC Liberty Division championship and one Group I Sectional Outdoor Track Championship. Now, polished and accomplished, you are poised to transition to the next stage of your life. With a myriad of experiences to pull from, continue to build your legacy. I now challenge you to RISE in your endeavors and take your place among those young people who will shape the world of tomorrow.

Congratulations Class of 2023, it was truly an honor to serve as your principal!
Genique Flournoy-Hamilton, Principal



I AM

I am beautiful on purpose
 I come in many shades and styles
 I am outstanding
 From the way I walk to the way I talk
 I am intelligent
 And
 I can do whatever I put my mind to
 And create whatever I think of
 I am already a success
 Because I study, I learn, and I work hard
 My school needs me
 My family needs me
 And my community needs me
 I will let nothing or no one stand in my
 way
 I am the faith my ancestors prayed with
 I am the change my people hoped for
 I Believe in myself
 I trust in myself
 And I owe it to myself to be the best
 Because I know the best thing in the
 world to be is me
 Knowing
 The world is because I was
 And It will be because I am



Ras Baraka

University High School of the Humanities

Acting Commissioner Angelica Allen-McMillan is a proud product of a New Jersey public school education. She is also a passionate educator and an inspirational public speaker. "I understand and value the importance of strong relationships between people as a path to learning," said Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan, "and I am deeply committed to the well-being of children both inside and outside of the classroom."



Interviewing Dr. Allen-McMillan was a great honor from this amazing school. She informed me about how she has created her success, helping the education system in New Jersey. Dr. Allen-McMillan attended Cornell University, which I think a big accomplishment and a great example for young people in the Black community. I believe she is an inspiration as her work has encouraged us to strive to achieve great things in life. This interview taught me how to talk to people on a professional level. I appreciate the opportunity I was granted.

-Brandon Nero



University High School Phoenix cheerleaders are always ready to raise spirits and root for the team. They were present to welcome Dr. Allen-McMillan and show off their Phoenix Pride.



New Jersey Department of Education Acting Commissioner, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan visits University High School

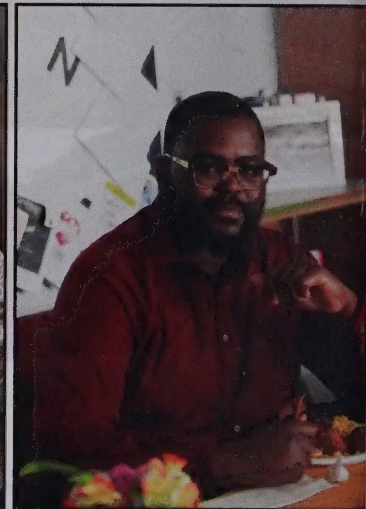
University High School teachers had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Allen-McMillan and share their passion for education. They asked her to share her insight and views on the current challenges facing education. Dr. Allen-McMillan shared encouraging words that motivated teachers to not lose their passion, followed by praises for their untiring dedication to all scholars.



Faculty and Staff

University High School of the Humanities

We reflect on the importance of YOU, our teachers and educators, faculty and staff. You are truly the reason behind the success of every student and our school. Over time, you have played a significant role in the lives of so many who now have prosperous careers of their own. You have planted seeds of confidence and inspiration, perseverance and determination, hope and purpose. Your influence on the WHOLE child has allowed many geniuses to blossom and make their own great contributions to our world. In light of all that you do to help so many RISE, be reminded that you are appreciated.



Leadership Team



Genique Flournoy-Hamilton
Principal



Leetwuan Snowden
Vice Principal



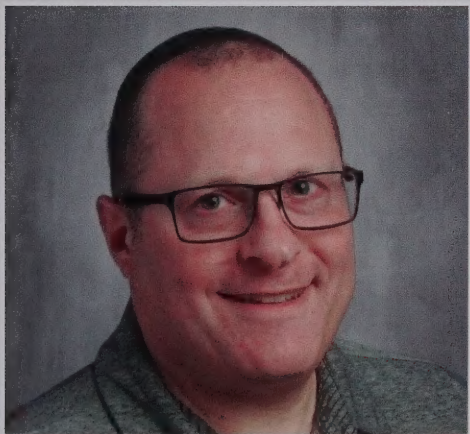
Amir Billups
Department Chairperson
History, Career and Technical
Education



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English, Visual and
Performing Arts



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Department Chairperson
Science, Foreign Languages



Bruce Titen
Department Chairperson
Math

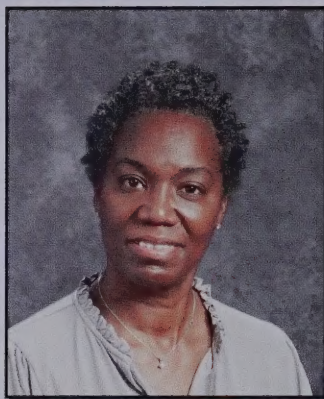


Michelle Wilson
Department Chairperson
Health and Physical Education,
Athletic Director

School Support Team



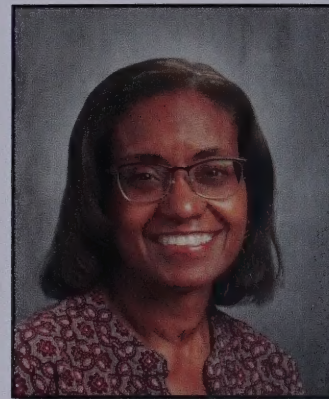
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School Psychologist



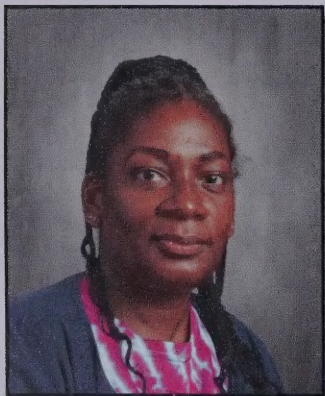
Mingnon Morton
Learning Disabilities
Teacher Consultant



Lawren Monroe
Social Worker



Yolanda Spicer
School Nurse



Ericka Haynes
Licensed Practical Nurse



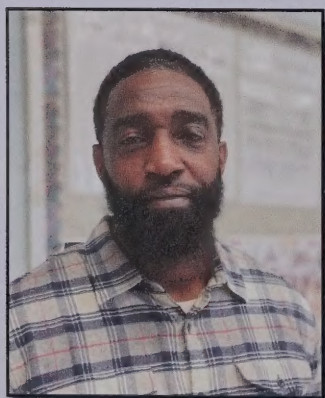
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School Counselor



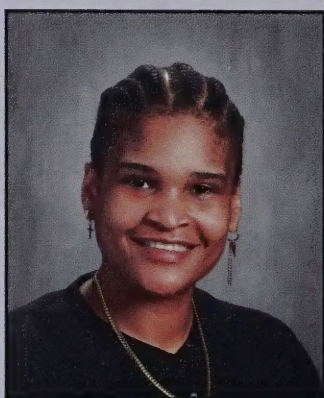
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School Counselor



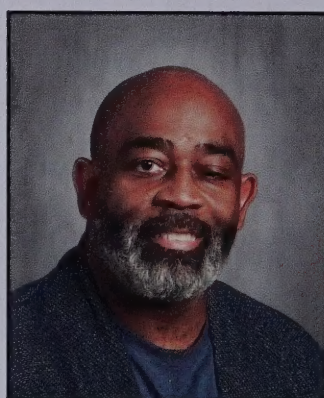
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School Counselor



Elijah Allen
Attendance Counselor



Sharee Gordon
Family Liaison



James Andrews
Clerk



Ashanti Wallace
Clerk



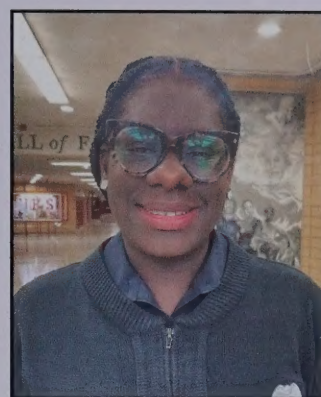
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Security Guard



Sureka Johnson
Security Guard



Ashanti Powell
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Nahija Terry
Security Guard



Tah-leeyah Brantley
Senior Cook



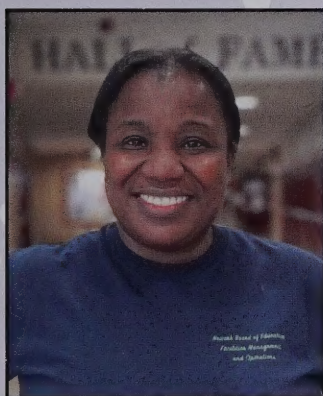
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Food Service Worker



Lonetta McDonald
Food Service Worker



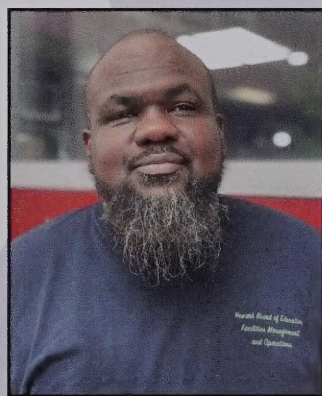
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Food Service Worker



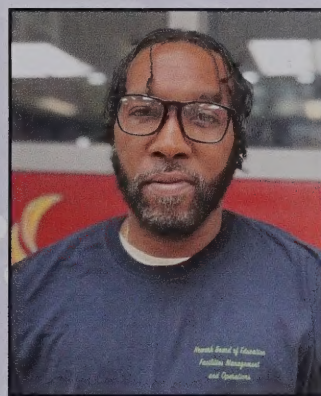
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Senior Custodian
Day



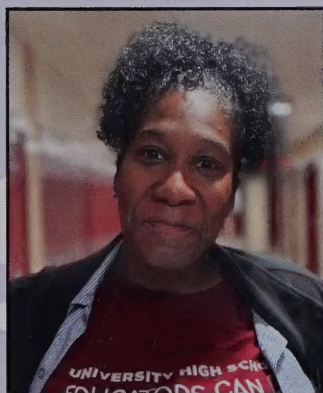
Tony Scott
Senior Custodian
Night



Kwesi Abdur-Rahim
Custodial Worker
Night



Robin Bowman
Custodial Worker
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Latisha Brown
Custodial Worker
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Shantez Davis
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Day



Harriet Loftin
Custodial Worker
Night

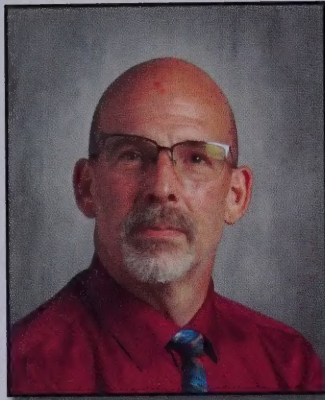


Hassanah Todd
Custodial Worker
Day

English Team



Cynthia Aguilar



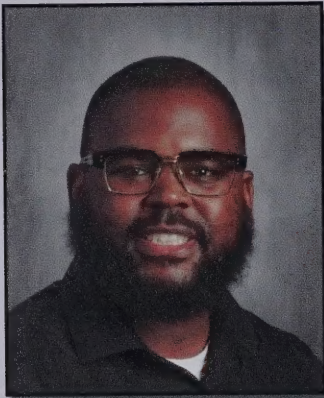
Donald Fourre



Elmyria Gill



Stephanie Bowles-Jones



Ernest Pope



Doretta Sockwell



Keisha Spencer

Math Team



Tracey Ferville



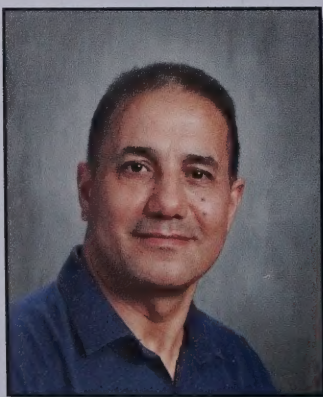
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Amritpreet Kaur



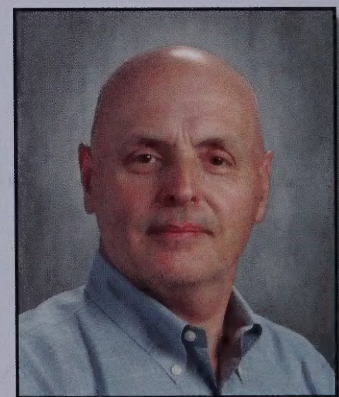
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Ali Oussalem



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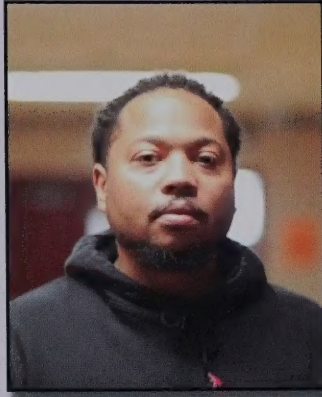


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History Team



Susan Febinger



Jamil Jannah



Grady Johnson



Amelia Pinal

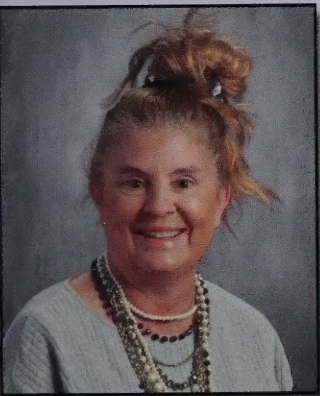


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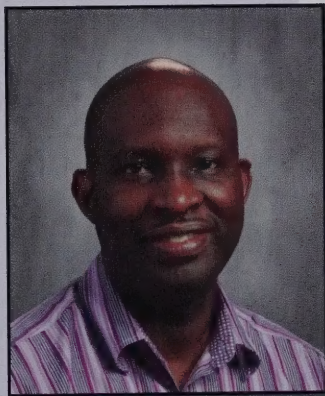


Katelyn Whelan

Science Team



Danielle Kelly



Coi Morrison



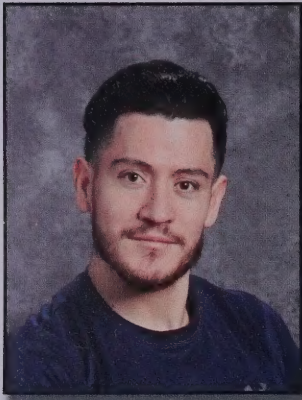
Charles Ofoegbu



Khadeejah Riaz

*Give students ownership of their learning -
it will last a lifetime.*

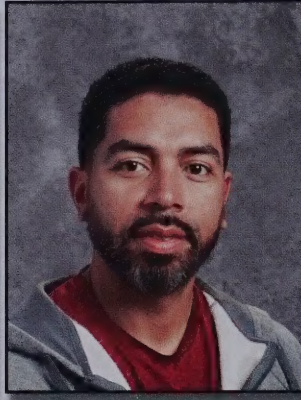
Health & Physical Education Team



Boris Analuisa



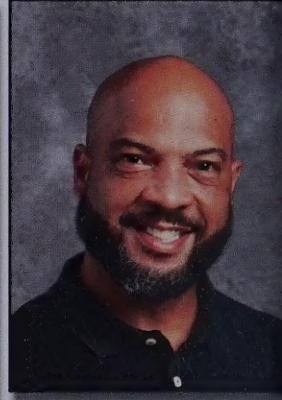
Mary Dean



Fabio Diaz



Stephanie Fego

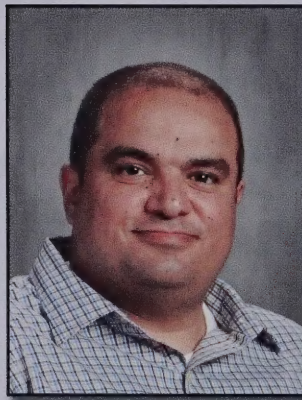


Kevin Ware

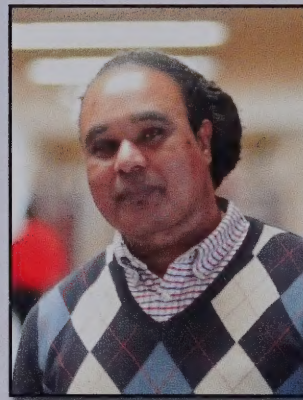
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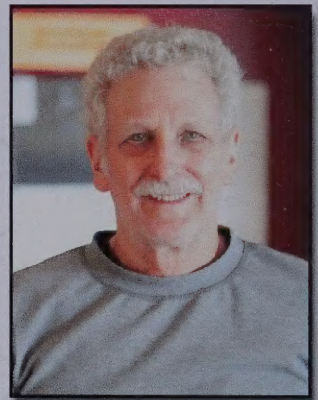
Roxanna Cangre
Spanish



Amir Guergues
Spanish



Makentorche Julien
French

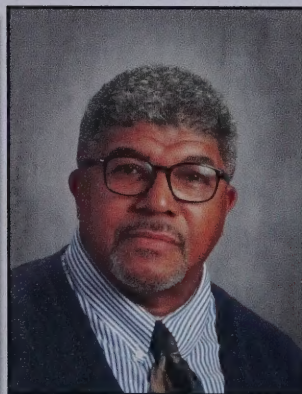


Elliot Ramo
Latin

Career & Technical Education Team



Jennifer Bennett
Teacher Academy



Stephen Bowles
Teacher Academy



Liza Lopez
Law Academy

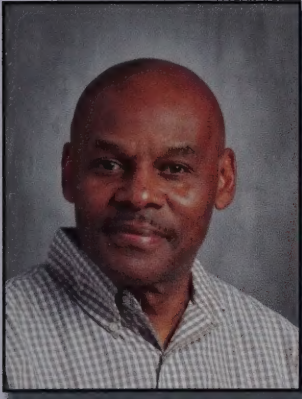


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Law Academy



Majid Mirza
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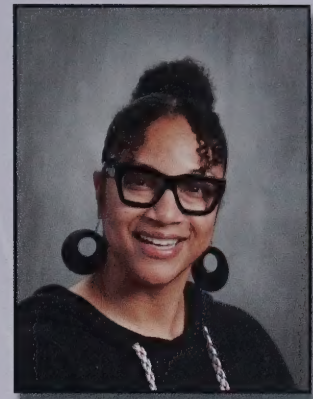
Visual & Performing Arts Team



Ishwann Dixon
Instrumental Music



Pamela Frazier-King
Vocal Music



Nikkia Neal
Dance

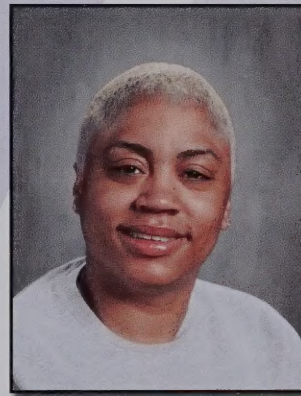
Instructional Support Team



Xarial Chandler
Per Diem Teacher



Aaliyah Harris-Rice
Per Diem Teacher



Egypt Vernon
Per Diem Teacher



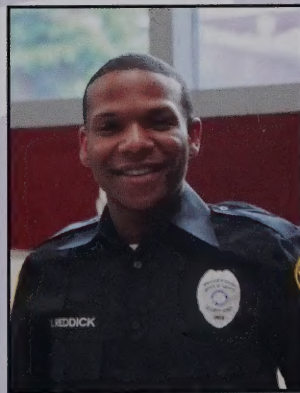
Abrielle Screven
Per Diem Teacher

Camera Shy

Stacey-Ann Graham, Visual and Performing Arts - Art
Tamara Green, Instructional Support Team - Paraprofessional



Jaasiah Major
Security Guard



Yamin Reddick
Security Guard



Joia Thomas
Security Guard



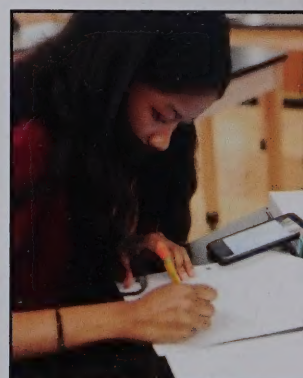
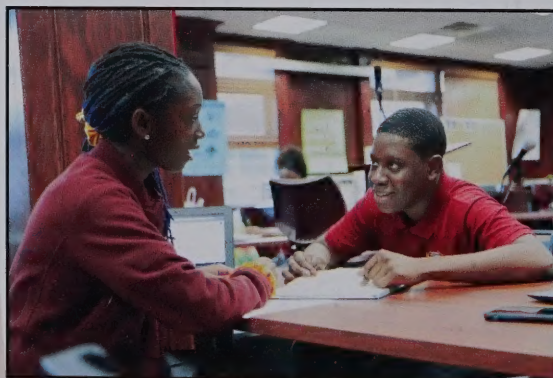
Nicole Johnson
Athletic Trainer

INSIDE THE *classrooms*

A successful school community requires the consistent work of everyone in our community. We must all work together with one mission of being better. Not everything will be perfect, but we get better everyday by communicating both successes and challenges with each other and working together to improve them.

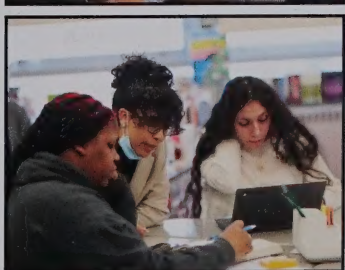
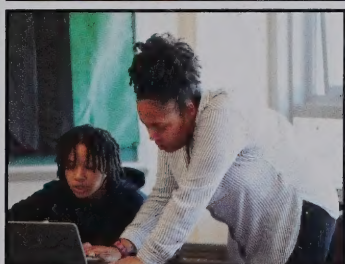
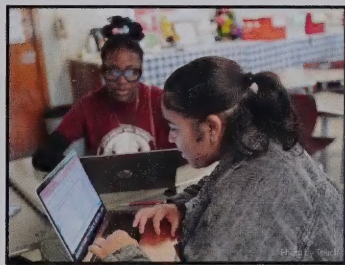
Every minute of every day, whether in formal or informal situations, should be viewed as an opportunity to take advantage of a teachable moment; to impart wisdom and knowledge to scholars that will remain with them well past their time at University High School, and perhaps even for a lifetime. It is important that we not let this mission work be lost in adversity or within the challenges that we find ourselves experiencing on a daily basis. The focus must be on the things that we can control, while continuously and collectively working together to solve perplexing, unprecedented challenges.

As we continue to establish positive relationships with one another, let us be mindful of the importance of recognizing the many good things that are happening in the most challenging of times. Let us be intentional about praising resilience, praising perseverance, and reinforcing those positive behaviors we see every day within our classrooms and throughout our school community.



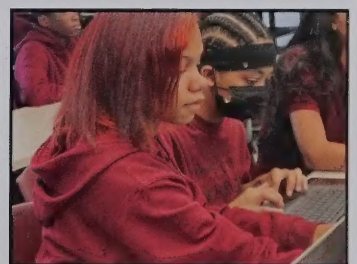
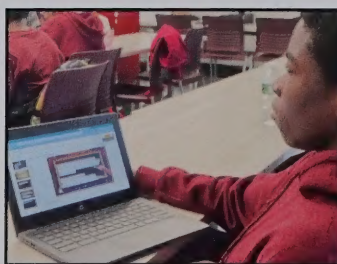


Academic *EXCELLENCE*



In our classrooms, it is imperative that we not only expose scholars to grade level content, but that we allow them to struggle in their efforts to reach mastery. We provide ample opportunities for scholars to grapple with challenging, rigorous tasks. This level of challenge will allow them to build their skill as well as equip them with the ability to think critically and approach problems confidently.

Our scholars have the intellectual ability to work hard because we provide opportunities for them to struggle and take greater ownership of their learning. In many instances, it is the academic struggles that lead to student progress.

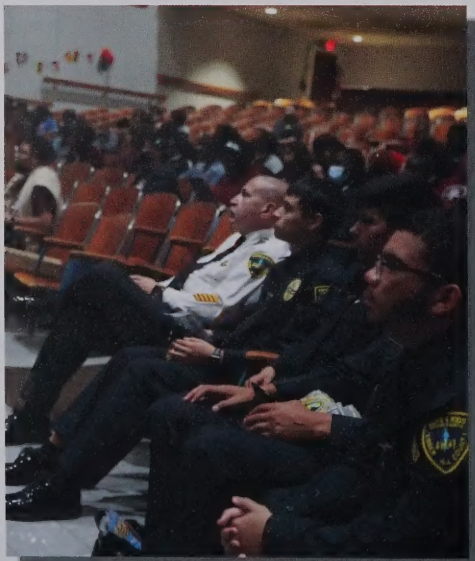


Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

University High Alumna, Lendy Salazar '19, talks to scholars during the Spanish Heritage Law Day assembly. She encourages scholars to stay abreast of issues plaguing the community. She tells scholars that they can use a degree in Law to affect positive change and be a part of the solutions to those issues.



Hispanic Heritage Law Day

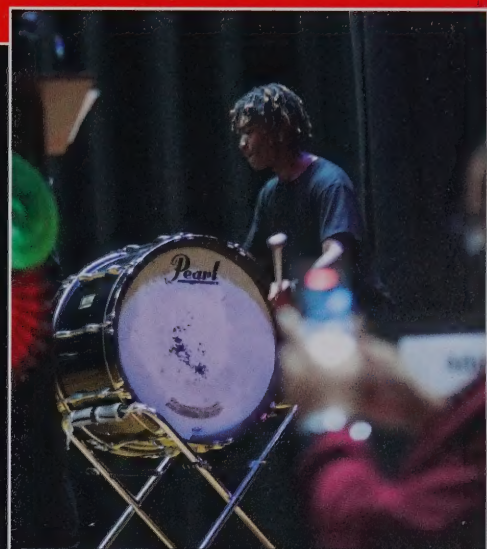
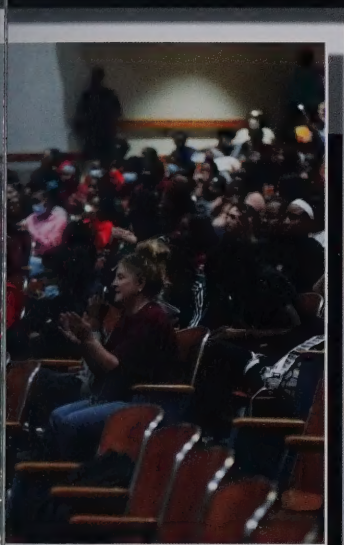


"The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace."

-Carlos Santana

Dr. Lopez talks with scholars about the role of law in our society and the importance of cultivating a deeper understanding of the legal profession. She encourages students to reflect on the role of law in the foundation of our country and examine the changes that have taken place over time.

Visual & Performing Arts Assembly

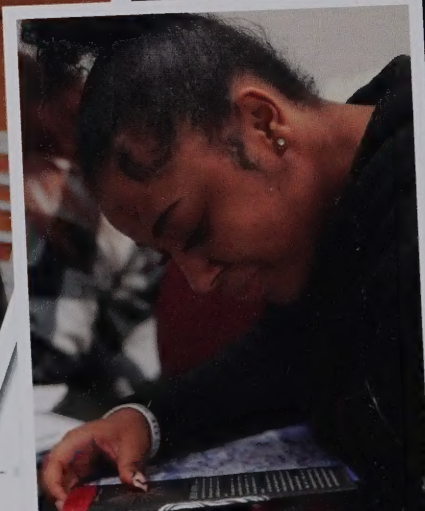
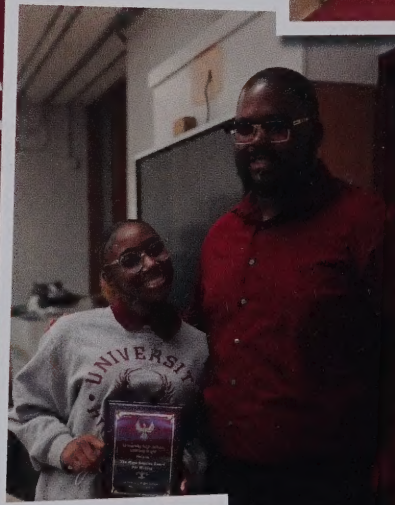
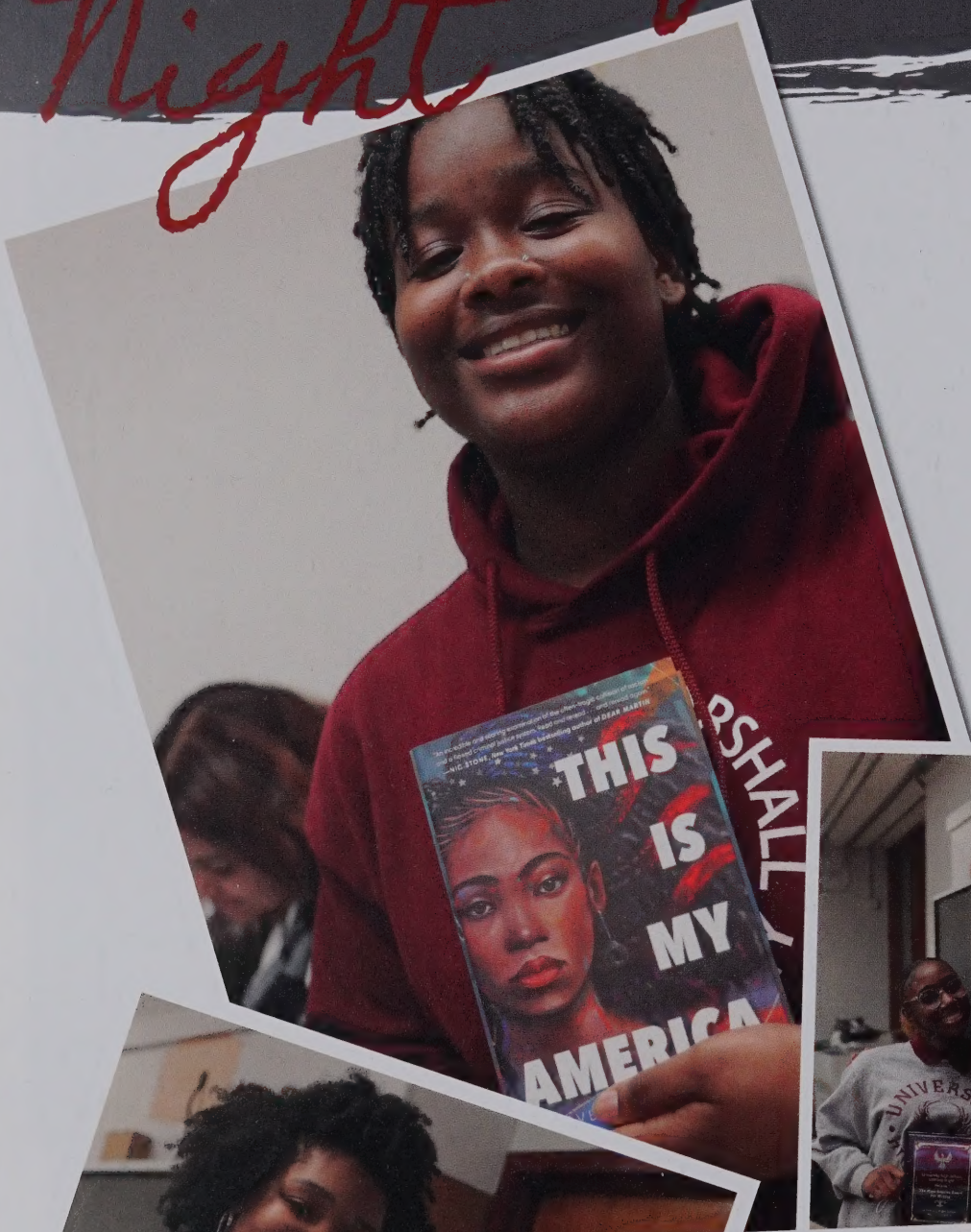


The Visual & Performing Arts Department collaborated to produce an outstanding performance in recognition of Spanish Heritage Month. The school community enjoyed the cultural artwork, songs, dances and musical selections created and performed by our very own scholars. The show proved to be an outstanding performance by these young people under the direction of Ms. Graham, Ms. Neal, Mrs. Frazier-King and Mr. Dixon.

I've been in band for four years. When I was younger I was amazed by people performing with real instruments. When I got a chance to play a real instrument in class, I was very excited. Music is one my favorite classes because I want to do better every time I go to class. Mr. Dixon always compliments how I sound, so that gives me confidence and shows me that I'm doing something good. I hope that one day I can buy my own saxophone and play the saxophone as a hobby.

- Zakiyah Tolbert

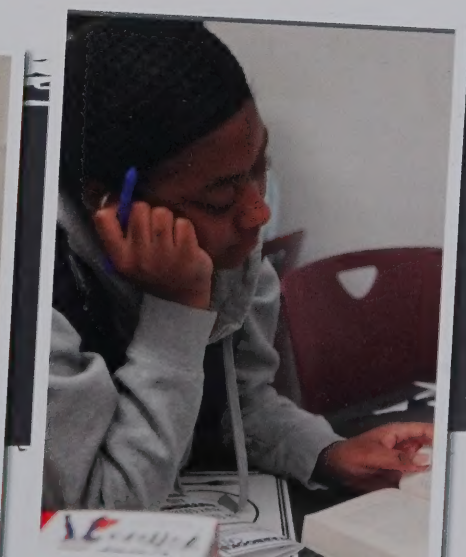
Literacy Night

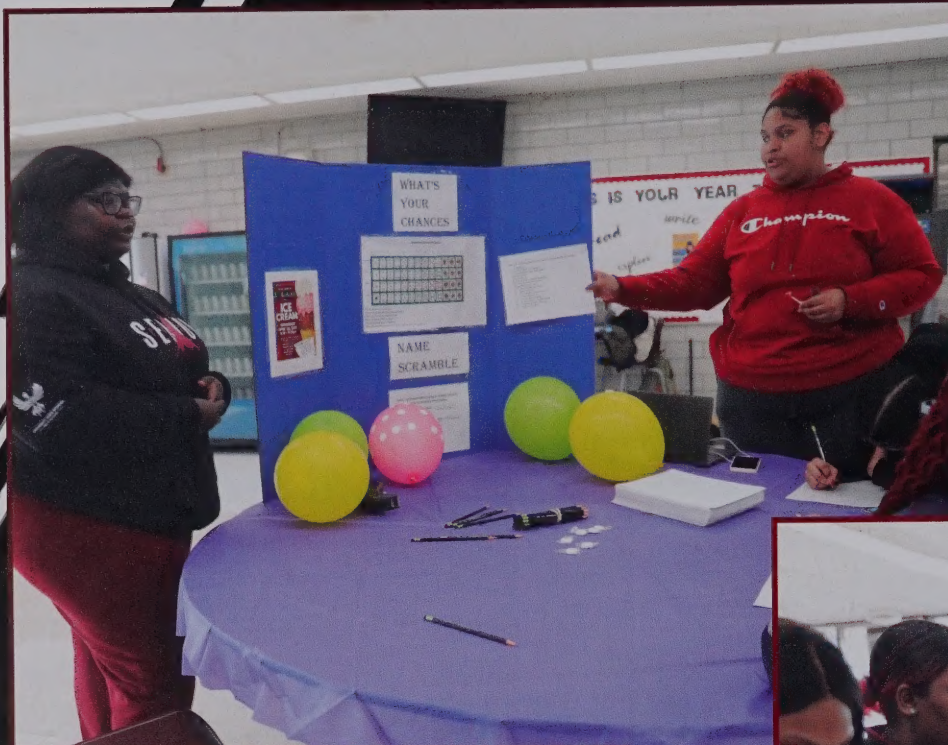


Literacy Night was an event hosted by the English Department, which celebrated students who were performing above expectations in English, Literacy, Writing and Public Speaking. The event consisted of an awards ceremony followed by a game night.

A scholar from each grade level was the recipient of an award specific to the focus of their content area: Grade 9 - The John Steinbeck Award for Reading; Grade 10 - The Edward R. Murrow Award for Journalism and The Maya Angelou Award for Writing; Grade 11 - The Paul Robeson Award for Public Speaking; and Grade 12 - The Socratic Award for Critical Thinking

After the awards ceremony, scholars and their families participated in a host of fun games, including a Book Tasting where students previewed an author's work and made the choice to borrow or keep the book. Another activity was the Essay Paint and Sip which involved students reading an excerpt from a book and creating a picture based on their viewpoint of the excerpt.





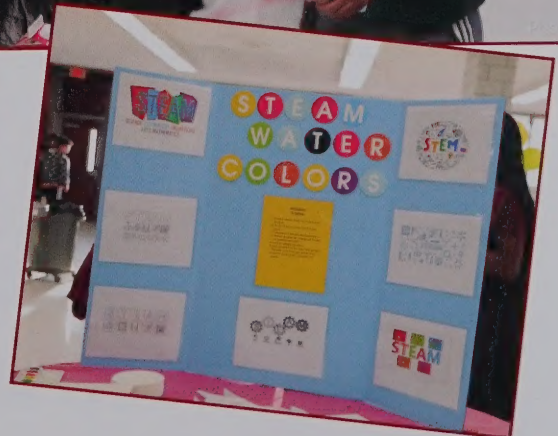
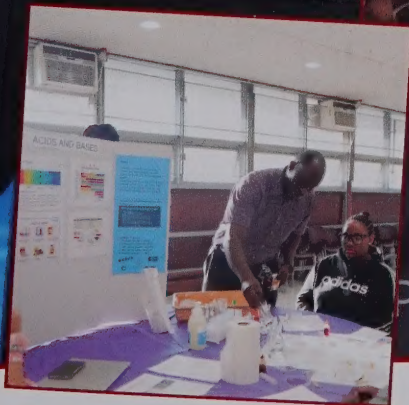
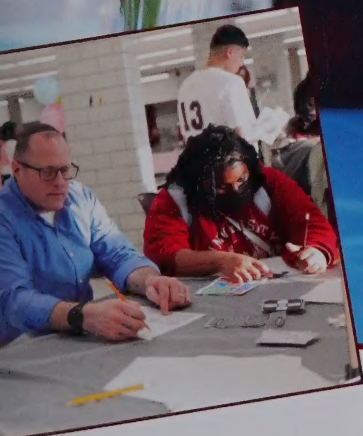
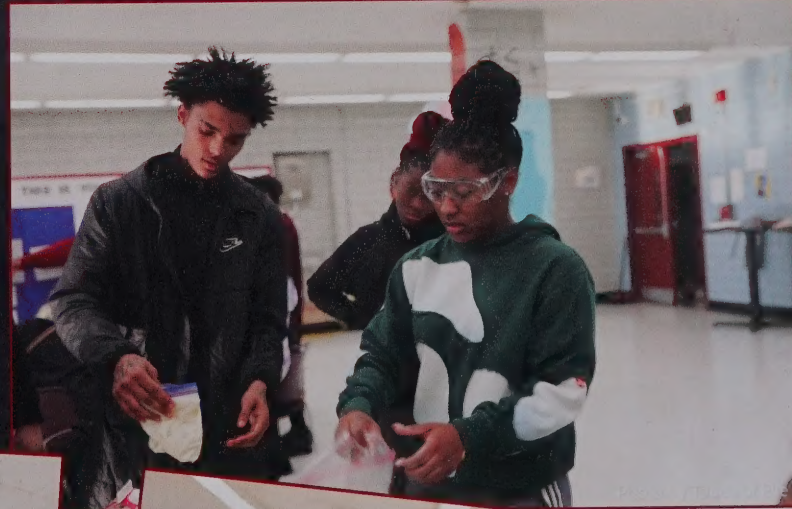
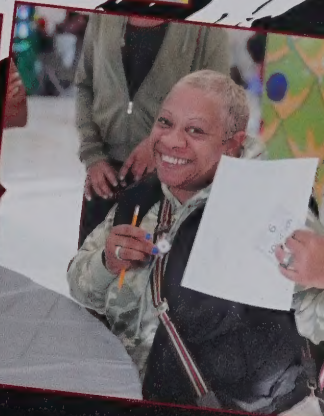
WE ALL SCREAM FOR STEAM AND ICE CREAM

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the Science and Math Departments hosted STEAM NIGHT. The event was filled with a night of fun activities with scoops of ice cream on top. Faculty, staff, scholars and families learned how to make homemade ice cream, mix bright colored chemicals and engage in math challenges. Scholars lead the activities and everyone enjoyed the night.



STEAM

Night





Underclassmen

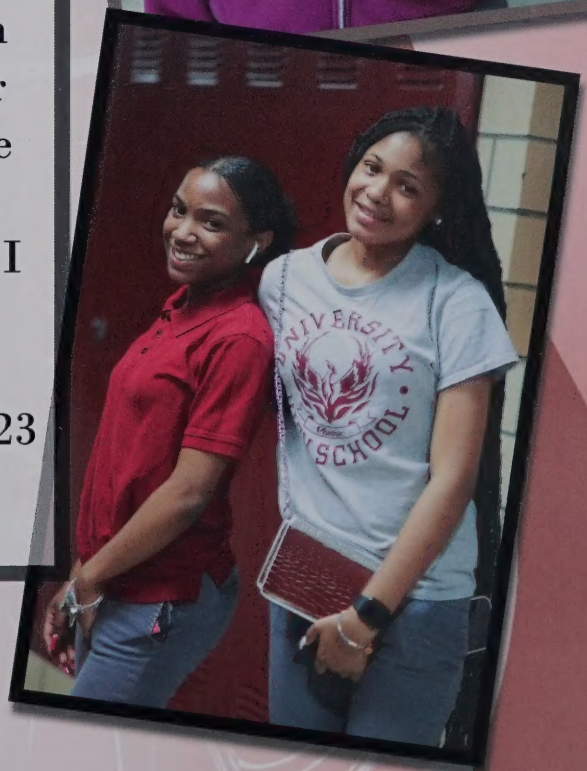
"Don't take your time in high school for granted. Make the most of every moment you have."





The grass is always greener where you water it. If you have set a goal for yourself, no matter how impossible it may seem, strive to reach it. If you take the time to focus and concentrate your efforts toward your goals, there is no reason why you can't achieve them. Put in the work; push harder than ever. If you fall down, **R.I.S.E.** and keep working at your goals. There's no greater feeling than accomplishing your goals and being able to review the goals you've set and say, "I did that."

Let's Go Phoenix,
-Senior Class of 2023



Junior

Analía Abreu
Al'Simah' Agee-Edwards
Elisia Allen
Kyreese Allen
Betty Ascenio



Jaziah Austin-Cabrera
Mirabel Babanawo
Darrell Barrow
Anny Batista
Estrick Bobb



Eniola Bolaji
Devion Bryant
Elijah Byron
Treasjour Caldwell
Sekquence Campbell



Kamara Cave
Ahnaf Chowdhury
Mariama Cisse
Kelvin Coley
Noelia Contreras-Galdamez



Ilyah Corpening
Dejon Corry
Shawn Crawford
Ja'van Desauguste-Brissett
Eve Eaves



Anese Ellis
Zaina Fuentes
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Terese Hayes Snowden
Sincere Henderson
Amaya Hill



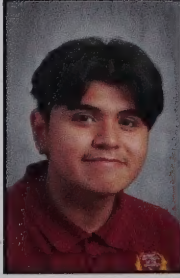
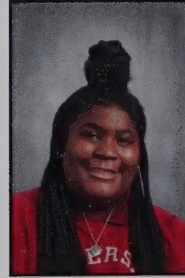
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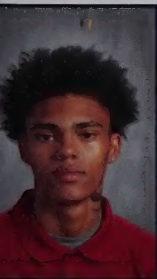
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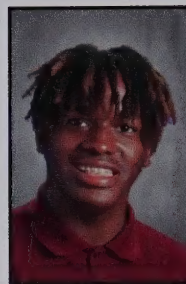
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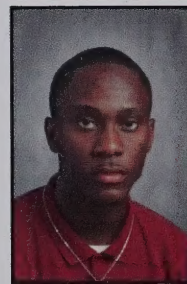
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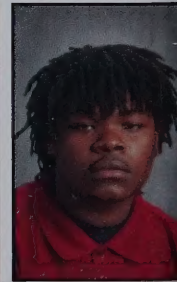
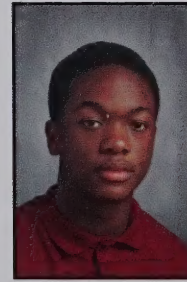
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Janaa Stewart



Sheick Swaray
Stevie Sylvester
Taborn Allee
Honesty Thomas
Mustafa Thomas



Julio Urena
Ishaun Walker
Nazoni Walton-Pritchett
Azurra Watson
Amaya Williams



Class of 2024



Jaylen Williams
Kelione Williams
Nevaeh Williams
Nyasiah Williams
Timothy Williamson-Cathcart

Taaliyah Winstead
Kasey Zelaya

Camera Shy Members of the Junior Class of 2024

David Allen
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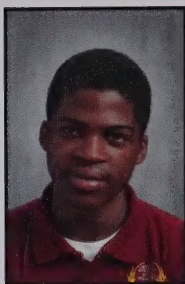
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Tazmir McCoy
Charmir McDougald
Jaylah Miller

Hashim Muhammad
Memory Nwamara
Uriah Price
Alyssa Quinerly



Sophomore

Ahmad Abiola
Solim Agbada
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Geraldine Alvarado
Mary Aribo



Raevin Armstrong
Anastasia Artis
Sajada Austin
Zaniyah Austin
Erik Bautista-San Juan



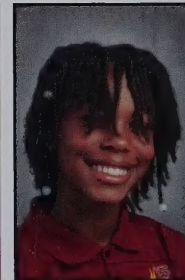
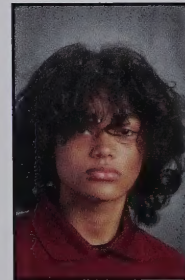
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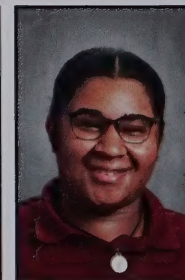
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Rebecca Cardoso



Jeidy Cerda Encarnacion
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Amira Corbett
Emani Darko
Jaedon Dickerson



Marlez Edwar
Kiana Ellis
Brayan Espinoza-Rivera
Tytianna Evans
Paradise Fisher



Class of 2025



Tyjanae Fleming
Anthony Freire-Vargas
Ava Gardner
Shenacy Gaspar
Destiny Goff



Sa'Rai Gordon
Jayden Grant
Yasir Green
Dayna Grimsley
Za'Myah Hairston



Al-Tariq Hamilton
Cadera Harrell
Aanylah Harrison
Jah'nayah Hathcock
Jayanna Hayes



Marlon Hemley
Ayonna Henry
Eliot Hernandez
Samiyah Hutchins
El-Dannia Hylton



Destiny Jackson-Floyd
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Len'asia Kelly
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Jayden Lopez
Mia Mack

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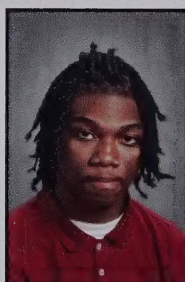
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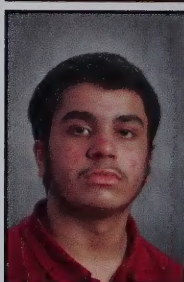
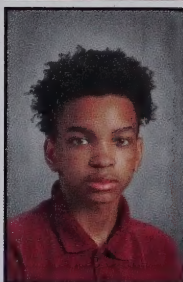
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Jeff Prempeh



Al-Tariq Purdie
DI'Manay Randolph
Kaishaaran Rasalingam
Faizan Rathore
Kiandra Rodriguez



Leonellys Rodriguez
Djeneba Sacko
Lizbeth Santana
Elijah Serrano
Nyasia Simpson



Maricela Siri-Umana
Amir Smith
Sekoi Smith
Tawanah Smith
Samiyah Spencer



Class of 2025



Dre'Shawn Starks-Jones
Rayvin Stubbs
Naazhir Swangin
Taliah Thomas
Autumn Thompson



Zyonna Tillery
Jahmari Tillman
Al-Jamar Walker Fareed
Angel Waters
Za'niyah Webb



Michaela White
Bilal Williams
Gloria Williams
Erica Willis
Krystian Wilson-Williamson



Aidia Winstead
Eunique Woods
Malakai Yepes

Camera Shy Members of the Sophomore Class of 2025

Angel McNeil-Fulmore Al-Jamir Johnson Melanie Miranda
Gabriela Sosa Ki-Lin Thomas Nah'iyyah Williams



Freshman

Lowell Abreu
Danaisa Acosta
Joshua Akerele
Zanye' Alexander
Zuriel Alvarez



Trent Artis
Zaniyah Austin-Cabrera
Davon Barrow
Ibrahim Bebeji
Cornell Blackwell



Saraiah Brickhouse-Pettway
Antonella Cajamarca
Yasmin Caldwell
Iyannah Camel
La'Ziah Campos



Sy'aire Casper
Nusrat Chowdhury
Justin Contreras
Kayla Cook
Gregory Corbett



Caleb Crawley
Trezhur Cromer
Al-Zamir Davis-Harris
Izahnae Dobbs
Assitan Drame



Blessing Edun
Malicai Feliciano
Tiane Fleming
Kerolos Francis
Zariyah Freeman



Class of 2026



Joshua Funes-Rodriguez
Iyona Gaddie
Elishah Garcia-Lopez
Laylah Germany
Lishontae Giles



Stacey Gomez
Malik Hall
Shyon Hammond
Danasia Hargrove
As'Sada Harris



Olivia Harris
Za'mirah Harris
Iretomiwa Hassan
James Hathcock
Bryiona Hawkins



Taniyah Henry
Kamryn Hinds
Zaniyah Howell
Nevaeh Hunter
Khalilah Hutchins



Iguosa Iyamu
Za'Kyrah Jackson
Za'niya Jackson
Nariek Jones
Paul Jones



Fatoumata Kamara
Zamyah Kelly
Shantoya King
Mariame Kourouma
Taylor LaRue

Freshman

Naheemat Lawal
Danyelle Lewis
Zhaniyah Majette-Harris
Angel Manns
Kayla Mazyck



Hawa Mberwa
Ade McCoy
Rosa Melendez
Wiltes Mercedat
Kensley Milfort



Dakarai Moore
Kalimah Moore
Ma'Kyla Mosley
Mamawah Musa
Nicholas Nascimento



Elizabeth Nieves
Brisleidy Nunez
Zyhir O'Neal
Al-Nisa Onion
Z'naya Onque



Nick Orellana
Jade Peralta
Rashaad Persuad
Johannah Prempeh
Azir Purkett



Kiyomani Purkett
Cherish Rawls
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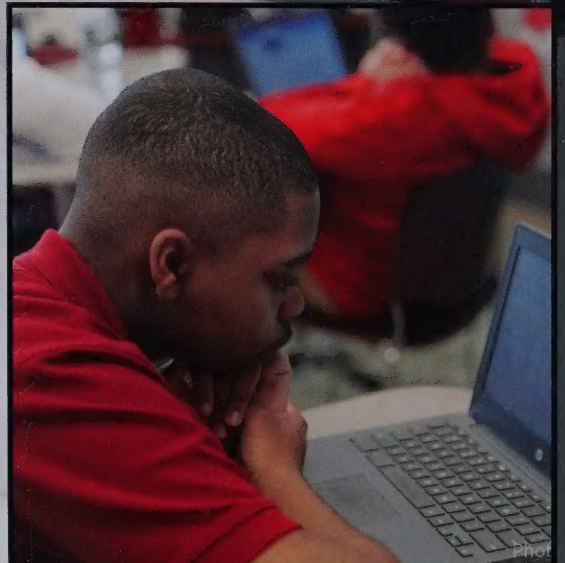
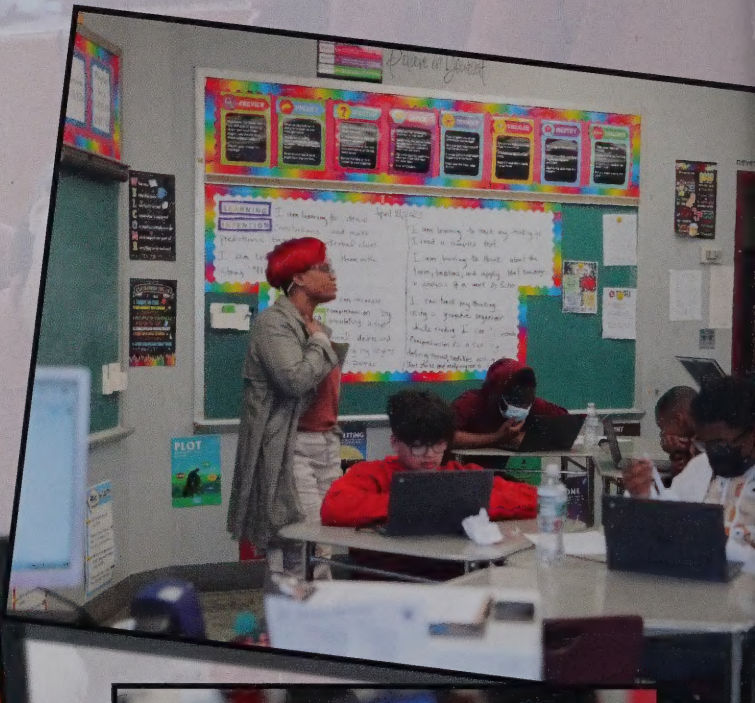
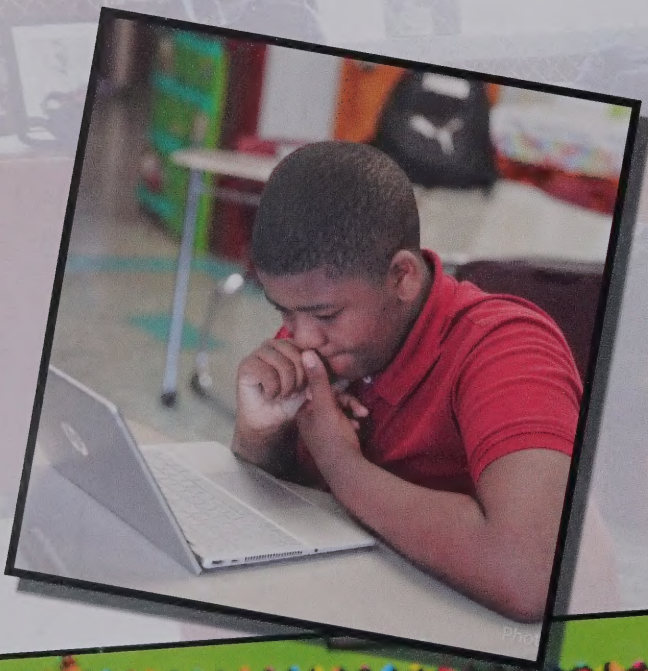


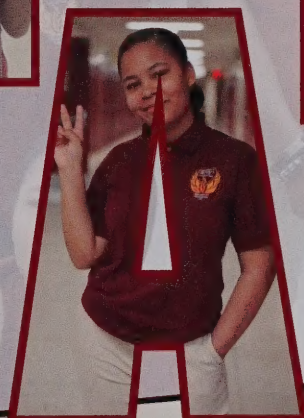
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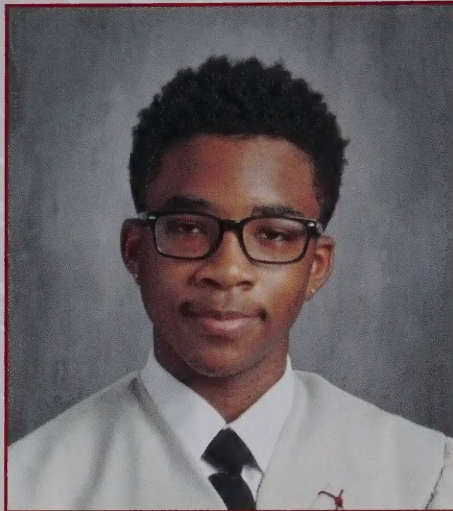
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Favorite Artist: Jaiden Animations

Favorite Hobby: Drawing

Favorite Song: Ms Gustas Tu

Zodiac Sign: Pisces



Kayden Beckles

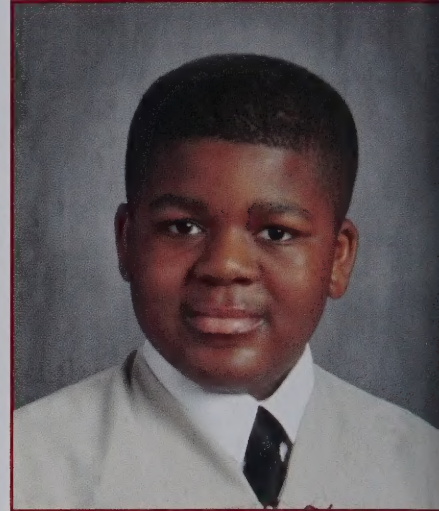
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Favorite Artist: J Cole

Favorite Hobby: Playing video games

Favorite Song: No Role Modelz

Zodiac Sign: Sagittarius



Tahlif Crowley

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Artist: DC the Don

Favorite Hobby: Playing Madden with my brother

Favorite Song: Take A Step Back

Zodiac Sign: Virgo



Kimberly Ottah

Favorite Color:

Favorite Artist:

Favorite Hobby:

Favorite Song:

Zodiac Sign:



Najid Rodriguez

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Artist: Farruko

Favorite Hobby: Biking

Favorite Song: Pepas

Zodiac Sign: Aquarius



Bay'le Schofield

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Artist: Brent Faiyaz & Sza

Favorite Hobby: Painting

Favorite Song: Gone Girl by Sza

Zodiac Sign: Cancer



Johnay Flannery

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Artist: NBA Young Boy

Favorite Hobby: Lashing

Favorite Song: Slown Down

Zodiac Sign: Aries



Nemeni Martinez

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Artist: The Weeknd

Favorite Hobby: Gaming

Favorite Song: Sacrifice

Zodiac Sign: Virgo



Hiyel Ngatchou

Favorite Color: Yellow

Favorite Artist: Drake

Favorite Hobby: Video games

Favorite Song: Cowbell Warrior

Zodiac Sign: Aquarius



Zaila Singleton

Favorite Color: Purple, Pink

Favorite Artist: Brent Faiyaz

Favorite Hobby: Baking,
Dancing

Favorite Song: Fountains

Zodiac Sign: Sagittarius



Zymani Willis

Favorite Color: Purple, Black

Favorite Artist: Lil Poppa

Favorite Hobby: Sports

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Yours

Zodiac Sign: Aquarius

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Nevaeh Stevenson

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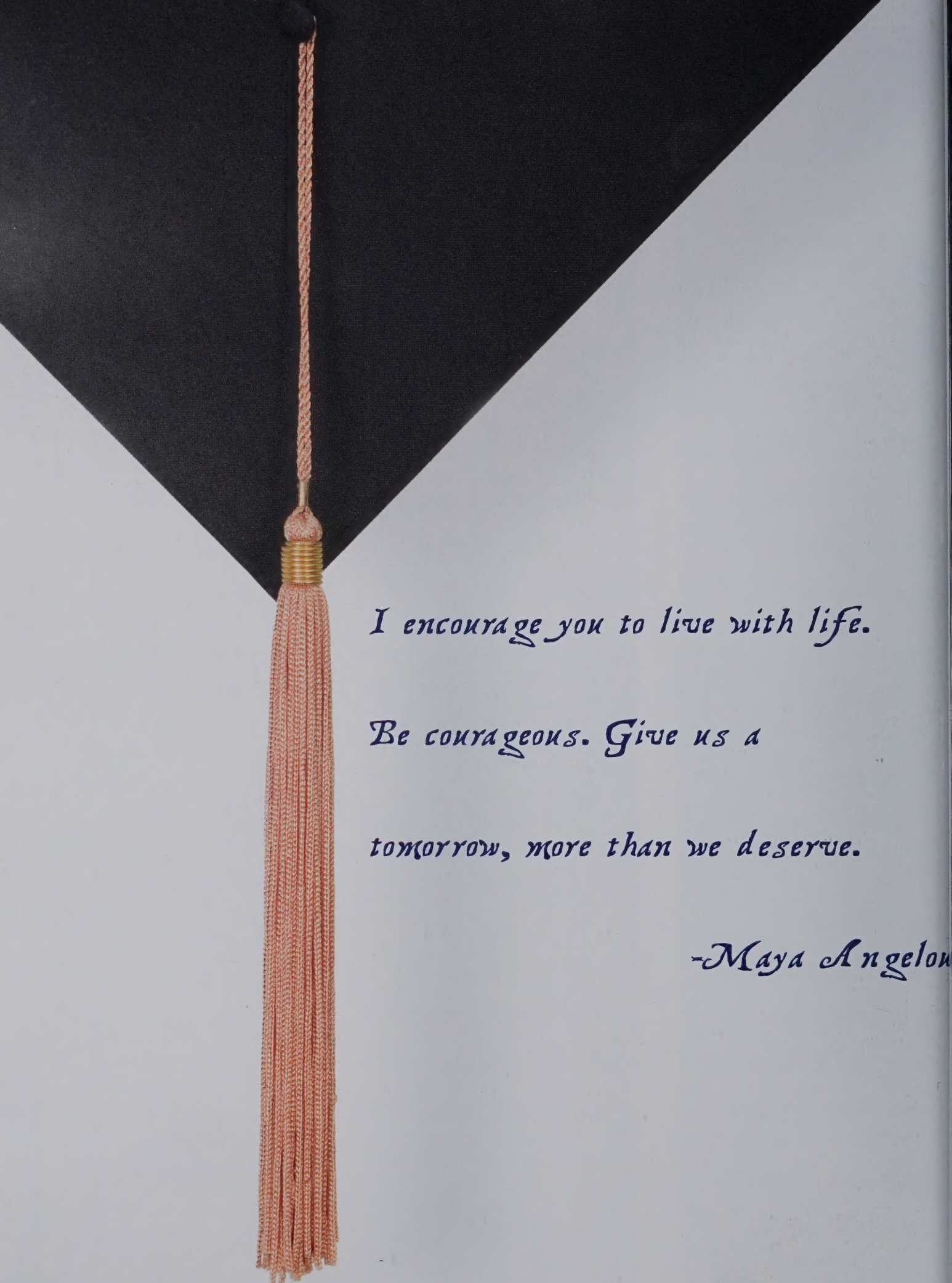
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Favorite Hobby: Cheer

Favorite Song: Crazy Story

Zodiac Sign: Libra





I encourage you to live with life.

Be courageous. Give us a

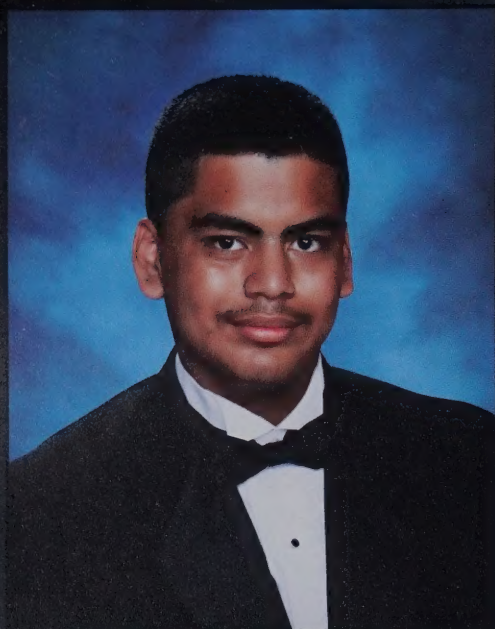
tomorrow, more than we deserve.

-Maya Angelou

Rylie McMillan
Valedictorian, Class of 2023



As I look at the past years at University High School, the quote "Don't be afraid to be great" by John D. Rockefeller, has always stuck with me. My principal, teachers, and classmates use this saying daily. This quote means going beyond normal limits and challenging yourself in ways you didn't think could be achievable. As we all embark on our new journeys, I want this quote to stick with you because we are going to come in contact with people who are seeking the same opportunities and trying to accomplish the same goals. Don't be afraid to show what makes you unique because that is what's going to make you stand out. Don't be afraid to show your intellect, don't be scared to share your ideas, and don't be scared to make a difference. We are all on this Earth for different reasons, and these reasons are why our impact will be so significant. Our generation will be the voice of change that will influence the future.



Christopher Amaya



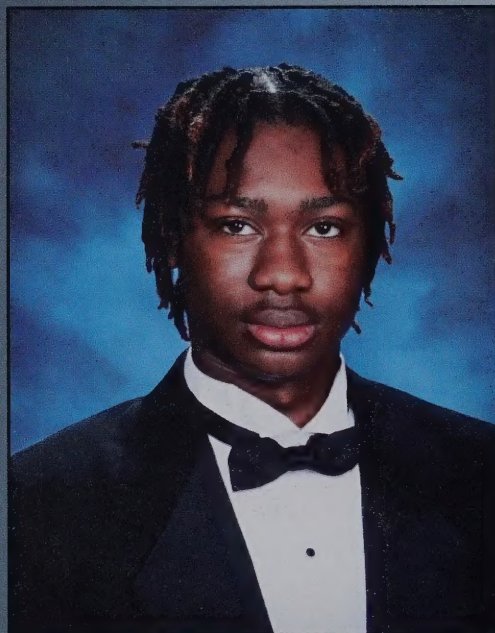
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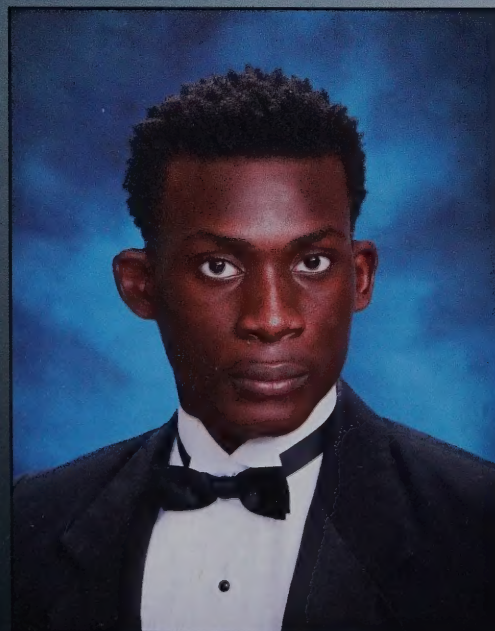
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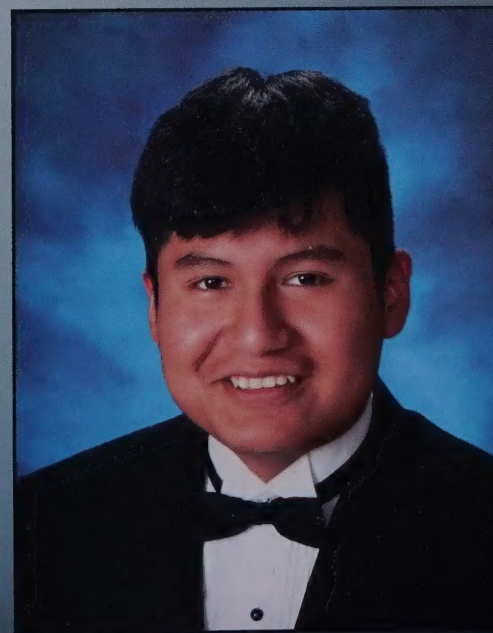
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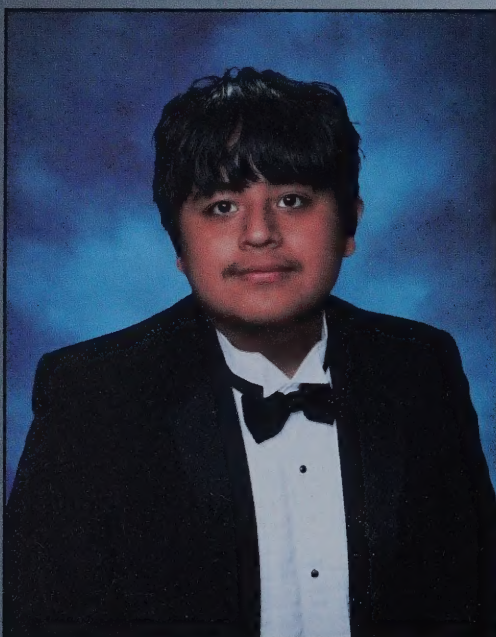
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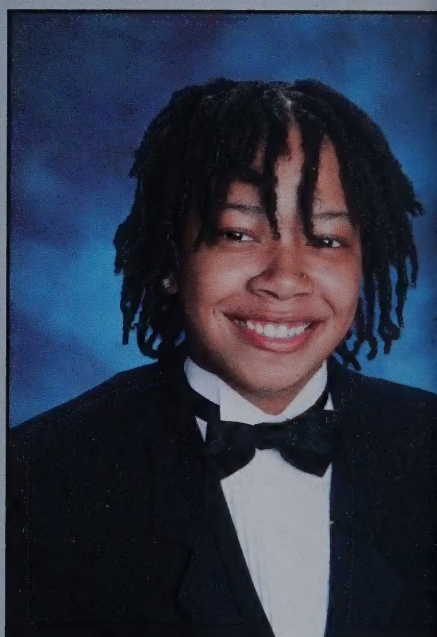
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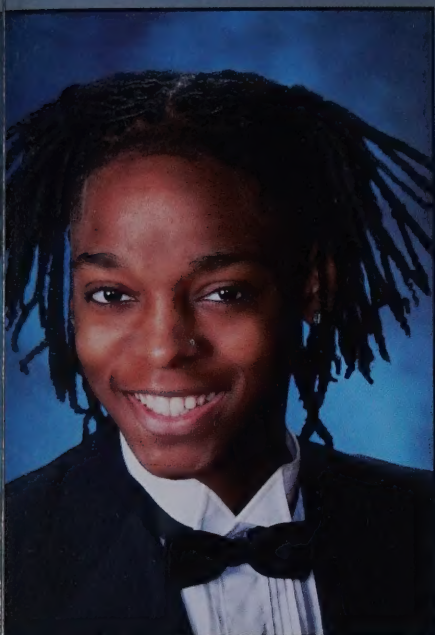
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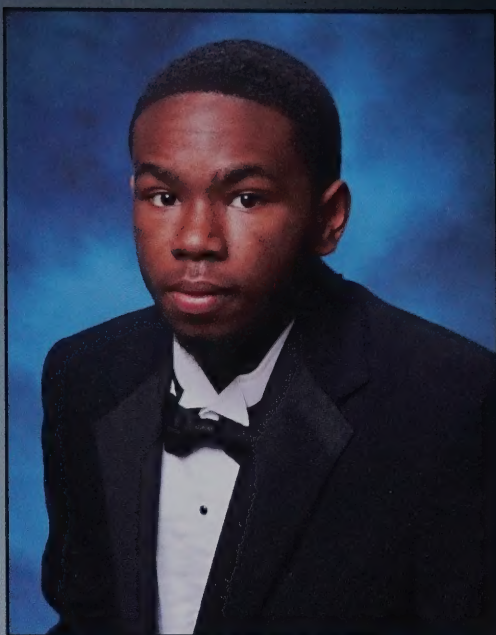
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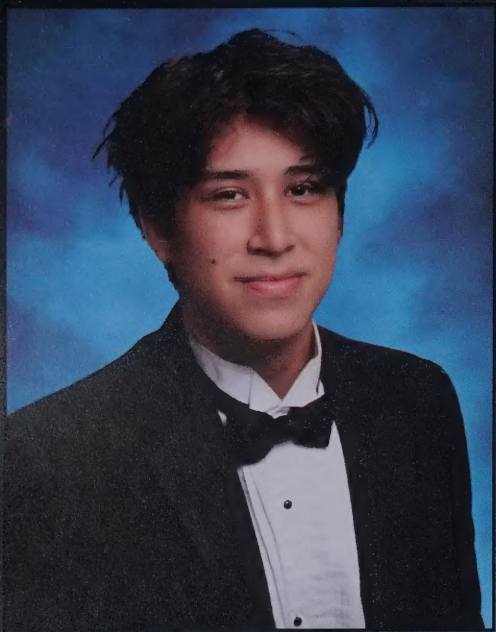
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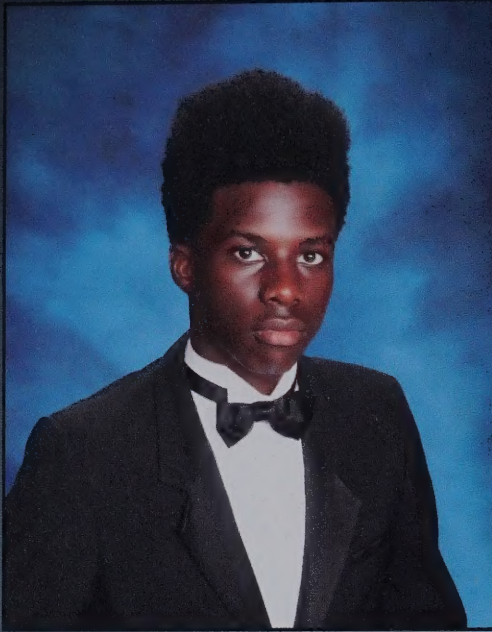
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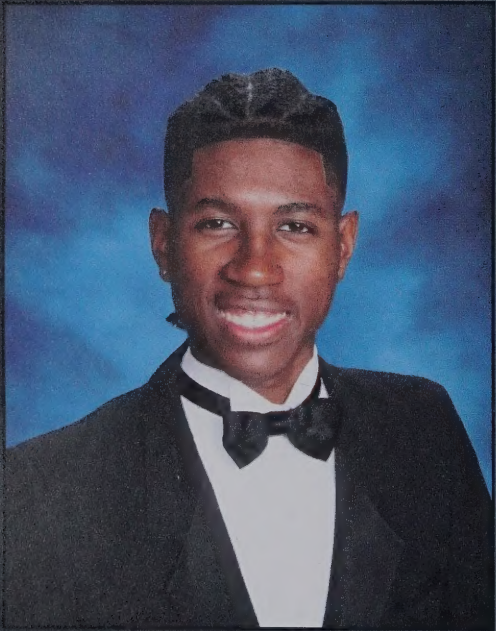
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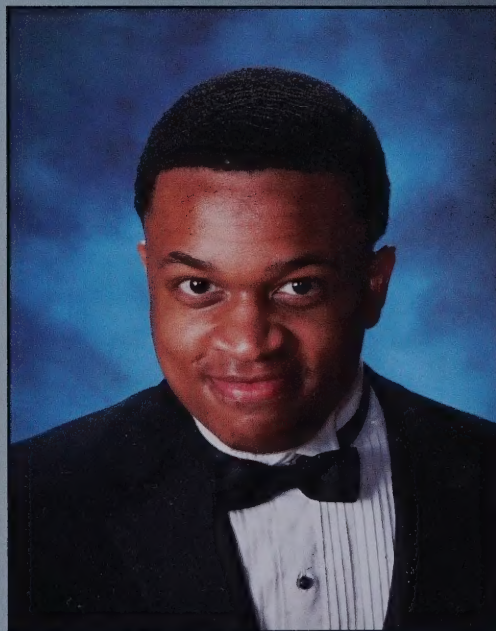
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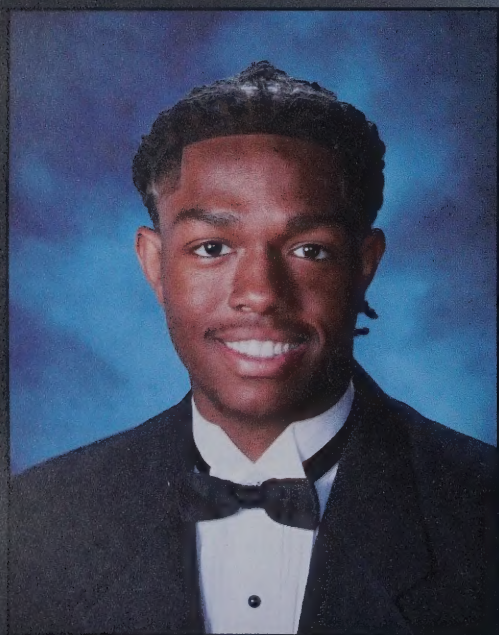
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Senior Class of 2023

NOW IS THE TIME TO DARE



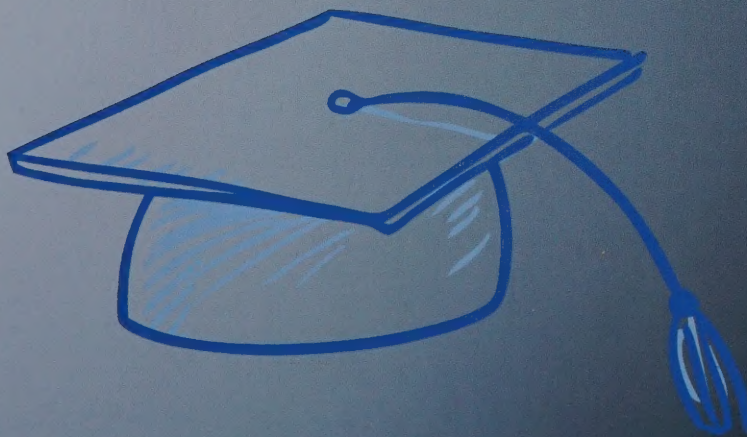
Dare to jump into your future with enthusiasm.

Dare to place no limits on what you hope to accomplish.

Dare to dream big and realize it's not just a cliché.

Dare to bring excellence to everything you do.

Dare to succeed beyond your wildest expectations.



Camera Shy

*Tamir Allen
Dania Aquino
Egypt Atwater
NaShaun Holmes
Terrell Lovelace
Nathan Rodriguez
Damon Scott
Samuel St-Vil
Lithzy Yupa*

Class of 2023



3 - Zakie Berry



4 - Janasia Scott



Rylie McMillan
Valedictorian



7 - Destiny Bethea



8 - Khyasia Andre

Top Ten Scholars



5 - *Fanta Kamara*



6 - *Sejada Campbell*



Simone Sunley
Salutatorian



8 - *Delimar Cuevas-Nunez*



10 - *Kawiona Young*

National Honor Society



National Honor Society (NHS) membership has been the true mark of student achievement for over 100 years, but it goes far beyond a report card. By empowering, championing, and recognizing well-rounded students, NHS provides schools with a values-based framework to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

NHS chapters operate in all 50 states and many schools around the world, engaging and serving more than one million students.

Reflecting school leaders' profound commitment to student leadership development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) founded NHS in 1921 based on the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In addition to NHS, NASSP founded and manages National Junior Honor Society (est. in 1928), National Student Council (est. in 1931), and National Elementary Honor Society (est. in 2008).



Tayna Anchecta



Zakie Berry



Sejada Campbell



Deirdre Corbett



Nagee Johnson-Nunez



Fanta Kamara



Rylie McMillan



Adour'e Mitchell-Williams



Janasia Scott



Kawiona Young

TIMELESS MOMENTS



Dear Scholars of the Class of 2023~

It is difficult to believe that we walked into University High School together in 2019. We were on a mission- to be the best selves that we could be. We had some angst, some doubts, and some expectations that we were going to accomplish great things. In our time together, we ROCKED out!

For me, returning to University was coming full circle. This is where I began my educational career. It was here that I learned to Pay It Forward. So coming through the doors was monumental. We were on a mission, and that mission was accomplished. It is with the Class of 2023 that the Phoenix Rising Teacher Academy was inaugurated. I listened to what you wanted to learn and wrote the curriculum that aligned with state standards and we ROCKED

out! Not only did the Board of Education approve the curriculum and courses, we became nationally recognized for the very important work we were doing to bring focus to the teacher shortage and inequity in education. We partnered with Montclair State University and began the dual enrollment courses. We even took it a step further and partnered with the National Education Equity Lab and dually enrolled with Howard University, Stanford University, and Harvard University to bring the spirit of the Ivy League experience back to University. I had the honor and privilege of co-teaching the Phoenix Rising Teacher Academy courses, Howard University course, and Montclair State University's courses. Again, we ROCKED out!

As a result of our collaboration on what we wanted to see happen not only in the classroom but also in our community, we effected change. It was through a conversation that we had in class, at the beginning of the dual enrollment courses with Montclair State, that we provided a solution to our current situation. When you were honest with me, we brought that concern to change agents and we were paid to learn, and the Earn to Learn program came into fruition. Yes, that was because of you. It is also because of you, that we received the opportunity to be recognized for the hard work that goes into being an educator. I was humbled and honored to receive the NJ Department of Education Exemplary Teacher Award 2021-2022 and the 2022 Princeton University Distinguished Secondary Teacher of the Year Award. We ROCKED out! Even now, because of your commitment to your education, we received the 2023 National Education Equity Lab Louise Zarilli Innovation in Leadership Award.

What we have accomplished in our time together at University is unprecedented. You are laying down the foundation of your legacy, and I am excited to say, we ROCKED out and I implore you to continue in this trajectory. I expect nothing less than your absolute best in the years to come. Remember, "In order to rise from his own ashes, a Phoenix first must burn."- Octavia E. Butler Burn with passion, burn with conviction, and burn with a determination to Pay It Forward! These moments have been timeless. I salute you, the Class of 2023.

VP Snowden



STUDENT LIFE

SLAM

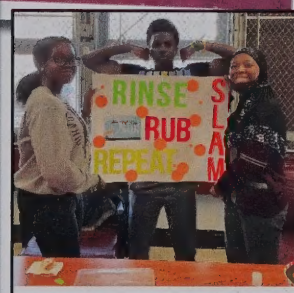
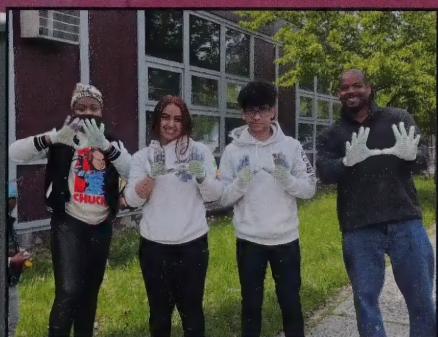
Students Learning About Medicine

What is SLAM?

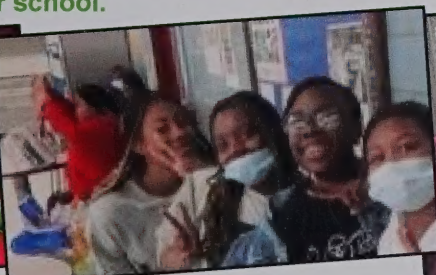
SLAM is a program that actively engages students in order to expose them to many areas of medicine in an interactive and informative way. The principal goal is to increase interest in health and science professions and to encourage students to pursue careers in these fields.



Nurse Spicer, the SLAM advisor, and some of the SLAM club members hanging out after school to support the boys volleyball team. SLAM members say, "It's healthy to support one another!"



EARTH DAY 2023: The SLAM Club collaborates with UHS Phoenix Alumni to beautify our school.



I am saddened that this is my last year of being a part of the SLAM club, but I am glad to say that I have met and gotten closer to many amazing students from different grade levels. We are all interested in the same field of study: the medical field. Our club looks to learn about and expose our peers to important health topics. We are also proud of a project we began this year called Handwashing Awareness Week. The goal was to spread handwashing awareness the whole week by creating posters, placing them strategically around the school and announcing the importance of handwashing every morning.

This year, our group started small, with five members, and we continued to grow all year, ending with ten members. I'm so proud and happy for this growth of the club and I know that it will continue to be bigger and better when I'm gone. The slammers are a smart group of individuals and they have Nurse Spicer who will always have their back. I'm a UHS slammer for life and will miss you all.

- Fanta Kamara

People Effortlessly Affecting Real Life Situations



Phoenix P.E.A.R.L.S. is a student-led event designed to celebrate the contributions of women in University High School and the surrounding Newark community and recognize their effortless attempts to enhance the lives of our female scholars. The ladies of the committee spent three weeks preparing for the event by researching the honorees, setting up the event, making the presentation awards by hand and preparing a beautiful dance piece. We are proud to say that during our first annual event, we had the opportunity to honor our lovely Principal, Mrs. Hamilton, Councilwoman Rountree and many more beautiful pearls. To be a P.E.A.R.L. wear your pearls.



2022-2023 Honorees

Alicia Mahon-Carter

Retired Guidance Counselor, Newark Board of Education

Shavon Chambers

Vice Principal, University High School

Jennifer Rooks-Edwards

The Big Picture, Vice President

Genique Flournoy-Hamilton

Principal, University High School

Maria Ortiz

Assistant Superintendent, Newark Board of Education

Louis Scott-Rountree

Councilwoman, At-Large

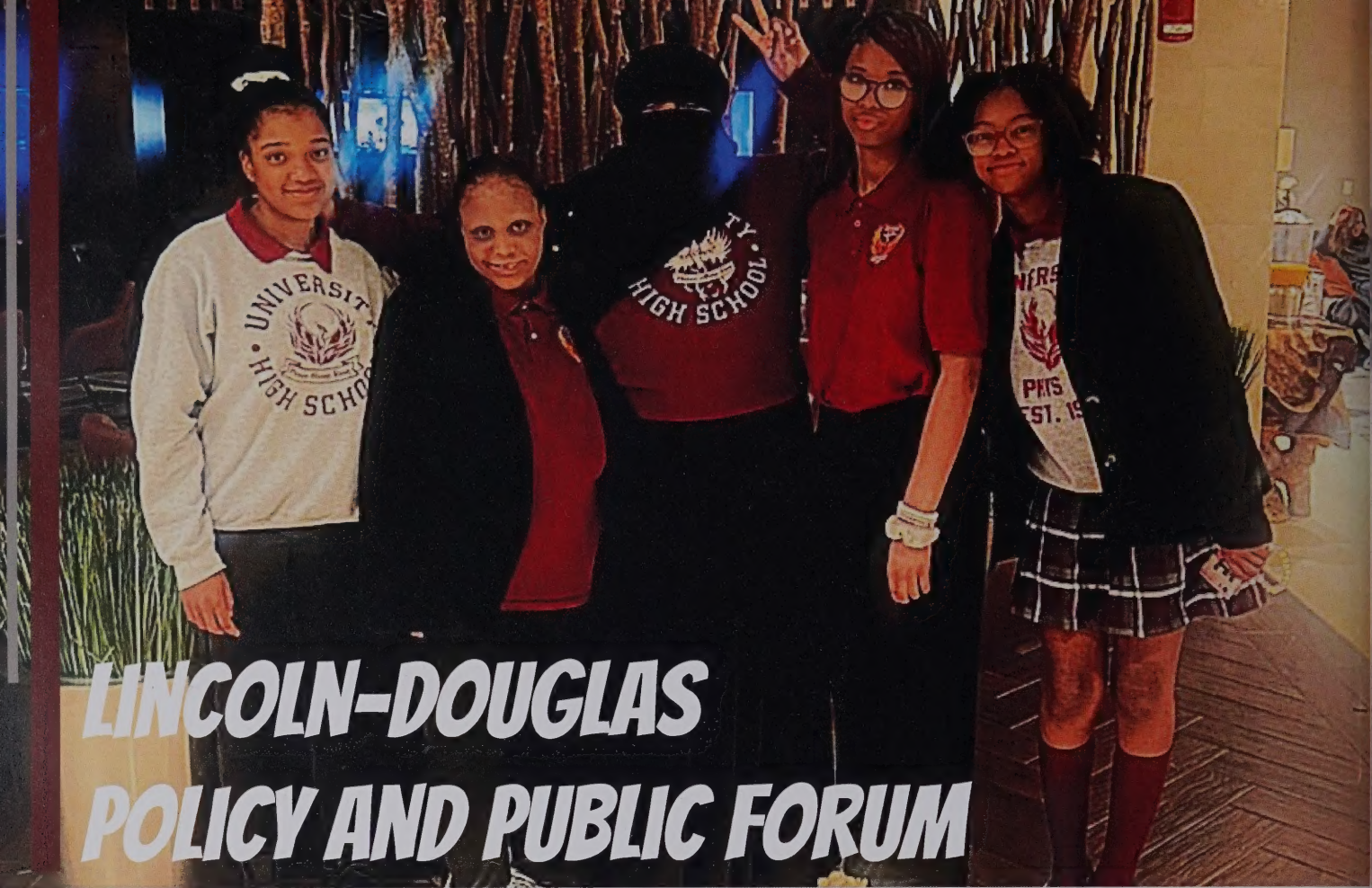
Sally Smith

University High School Parent

Ashanti Wallace

University High School Clerk





LINCOLN-DOUGLAS POLICY AND PUBLIC FORUM

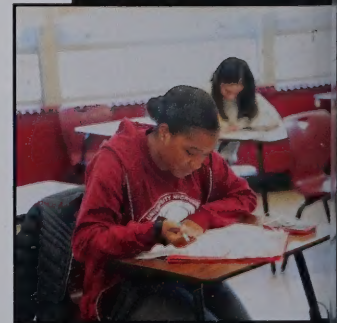
To some, Debate is simply two people arguing and talking about how they feel. However, it is more than that.

The primary goal of debate is for students to generate effective critical thinking into primary issues in the given topic. Lincoln-Douglas is a one-on-one debate event between two teams, as contrasted with Public Forum and Policy which are two-on-two.

The name, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, comes from the famous debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in the 1861 presidential election, when Lincoln and Douglas traveled the country debating about the future of the union and slavery.

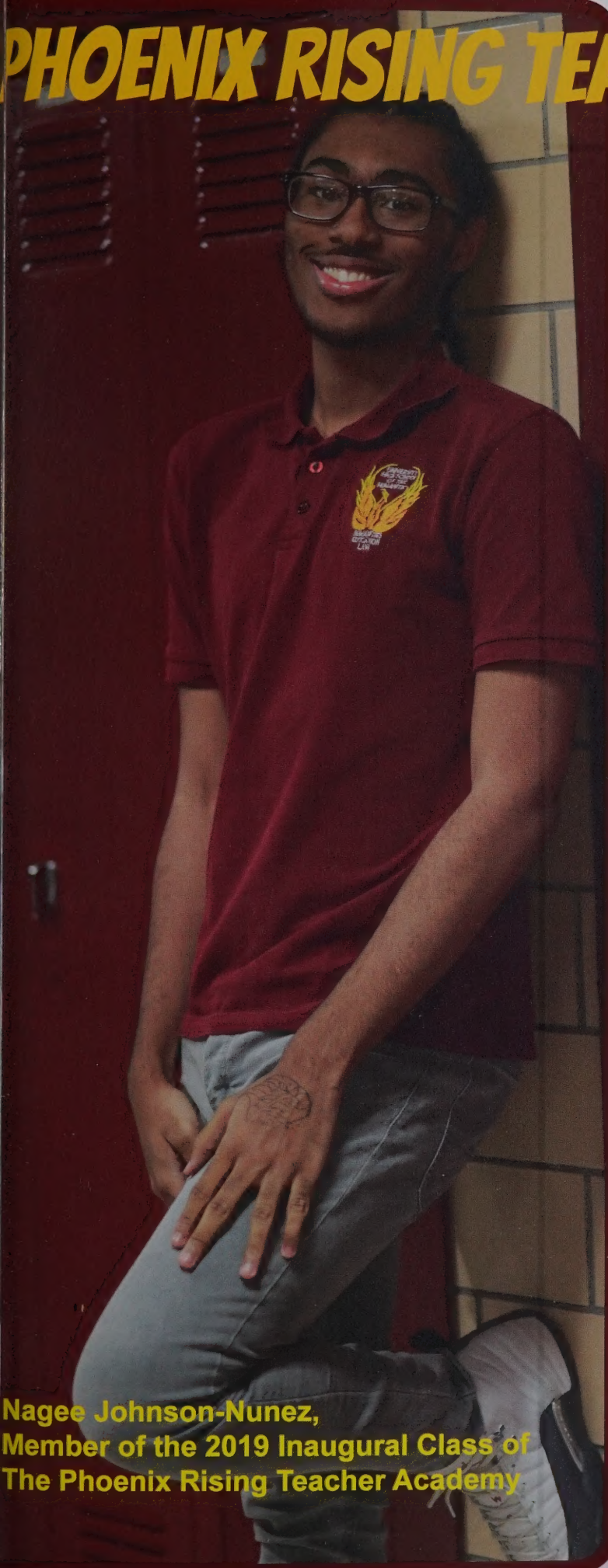
Throughout my four years in Debate, I faced many challenges including learning to obtain self control, doing research, and having an answer for everything. It was not always easy but it was fun. From the countless laughs, karaoke nights and road trips to the relationships that were built while traveling across the country, I learned so much from Debate. I learned how to communicate with others, stand up for myself, and be prepared for the challenges that will be presented in my life. I did not regret anything I experienced as a debater. Without Debate, I would not be able to be the person I am today.

Deirdre Corbett, Class of 2023



PHOENIX RISING TEACHER ACADEMY

My name is Nagee Johnson-Nunez and I am one of the longest enrolled students in the University High School Phoenix Rising Teacher Academy program in conjunction with Montclair State University. I've been a student in the Teacher's Academy since my freshman year, and each moment has been amazing. In my time with the program, I've been able to earn college credits and was given the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. to help expand the program. While visiting Washington D.C., I spoke at a conference about the program and my experience over the years. I am thankful for the Phoenix Rising Teacher Academy for providing me with an early college experience, as I visited campuses, participated in classes during the summer, and made new friendships with students from East Side High School along the way. This program presents a great experience if you're interested in attending college because of the amount of support Montclair State provided the students. My experience with the Phoenix Rising Teacher Academy and Montclair State University will be unforgettable and well appreciated, and I cannot wait to attend their school as an official college student.



**Nagee Johnson-Nunez,
Member of the 2019 Inaugural Class of
The Phoenix Rising Teacher Academy**

UNIVERSITY HS

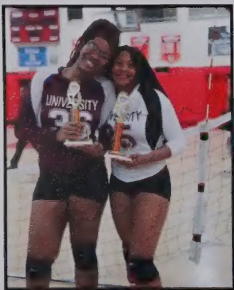
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LET'S

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PHOENIX



Home of the Phoenix

"Shaquille O'Neal said, 'Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly.'"

The scholar athletes of University High School have worked all year, on and off the courts and fields, making it their business to rise each and every time they compete. Let's Go Phoenix!!!



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-Michael Phelps



Scholar Athletes of the Class of 2023,

After spending countless hours attending trainings, study hall sessions, practices, team meetings and competitions, the focus on balancing your academic responsibilities has remained at the forefront. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed! To maintain poise and integrity, and remain committed to meeting high levels of achievement each day is no easy feat. Yet, time has revealed your capacity to withstand tough challenges and meet those high expectations. You have achieved excellence in both academics and athletics.

As you transition into this next stage of your lives, cherish the values instilled in you by your coaches, the bonds you formed with teammates, and your character, which has been built through the participation in sports. Let your passion, discipline, commitment and grit drive you in every endeavor. Lastly, allow your ability to balance academics and athletics transform into your ability to balance and manage every challenge that will come your way. Congratulations on a successful year, and well wishes for the future, as you continue to RISE! Let's Go Phoenix!!!

#shouldvebeenaphoenix



SOCCER



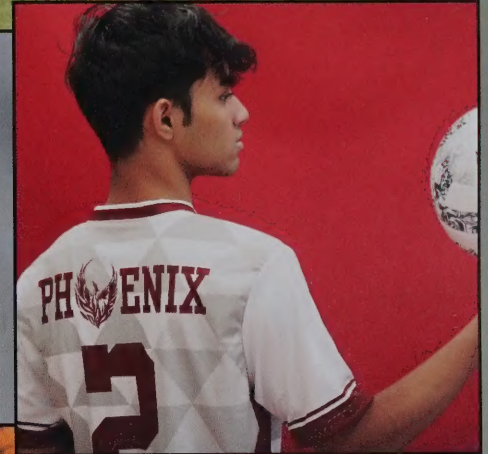
2022-203 Boys Soccer Team

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 Iretomiwa Hasan, Jeff Prempeh, Coach Fabio Daiz
 m Row: Backling Karikari, Erik Bautista-San Juan, Kaishaaran Rasalingam,
 Anthony Freire-Vargas, Ahnaf Chowdhury, Vincente Sandoval Barrera

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GIRLS TENNIS



Girls Tennis - Fall 2022

Jaylah Judd, El-Dannia Hylton, Mary Aribo, Ilyah Corpening, Sarah Alphonse, Taaliyah Winstead, Solim Agbada, Rehanna Coppedge



Mary is preparing for her next singles match.



Father and daughter coaching team. Coach Chase and Coach Chase, meet with the team before the start of each match to discuss the game plan.



Rehanna gets ready to defend the serve.

Going the Distance

he indescribable feeling of running a race
 ne must experience it to know the joy
 he butterflies in my stomach at the starting line
 ll the nerves pass by upon the shooting of the gun
 he urge to approach an opponent from behind
 nd fly right by her never looking back
 he incredible scenery of the 3.1 mile course
 eeps my focus the entire race
 he crowds of people lined up all along the chute
 s I proudly surge by them all
 ight across the white finish line
 rabbing my ribbon and feeling great about myself

-Natalie Collins



Kelvin racing in the SEC dual meet.



C'wan completes the 5k cross country race and earns a 2nd place finish.

CROSS COUNTRY

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BUMP! SET! KILL!

I remember when I came to University, I was eady to play every sport on the list, but then I found myself being attracted to volleyball. At first, I was scared because I was aggressive enough yet was shy, but I met some amazing teammates who helped me come out of my shell and gain more confidence. I don't think I could have ever played for another school because of the bond I made with this team.

- Kawiona Young



Class of 2023

Jer-breeah Fogg, Rylie McMillan, Kawiona Young, Mikayla Womack, Ariana Artis, Kiara Hall, Fanta Kamara, Delimar Cuevas



Out of all of my years at University, I couldn't think of any other sport I would rather have played than volleyball. I've grown in more ways than one as a player and a person, on and off the court. Coming in my 8th grade year not knowing what to expect, I couldn't be more grateful with the outcome. Through the pandemic trials and era, my team and I overcame every challenge, including making a run in the 2022-2023 state tournament. To Ms. Wilson, my school mom who has had my back through all of my phases and gave me to opportunity to be a University Girl Volleyball Captain for two years, I thank you. To My Mom and Dad, I appreciate you for all the nights you've sat outside when practice was over at 6 and I walked out at 8, and especially the support that came with it. I've had the time of my life. And, if I could do it all again, I wouldn't change a thing . #6 mumu signing out !



I started playing Volleyball during my first year of high school, which was one of my life's best experiences. I've created bonds with people and learned many lessons that will shape me to be my best self. - Rylie McMillan

MOMENT IN HISTORY - Girls volleyball adds a 3rd level to the program: Freshman Girls Volleyball, '26 - Zany'e Alexander, Yasmin Caldwell, Tiane Fleming, Laylah Germany, Fatoumata Kamara, Mariame Kourouma, Naheemat Lawal, Zhaniyah Majette-Harris, Angel Manns, Kalimah Moore and Da'Mya Williams



My volleyball experience was one of the best I had, this was due to my amazing coach. Coach Chandler was more than a coach. She helped me excel and pushed me to do my best. Because of her training, I was selected to the NBOE all-tournament team. Without her encouraging me to stay positive and do my best, I would not have gained this recognition.

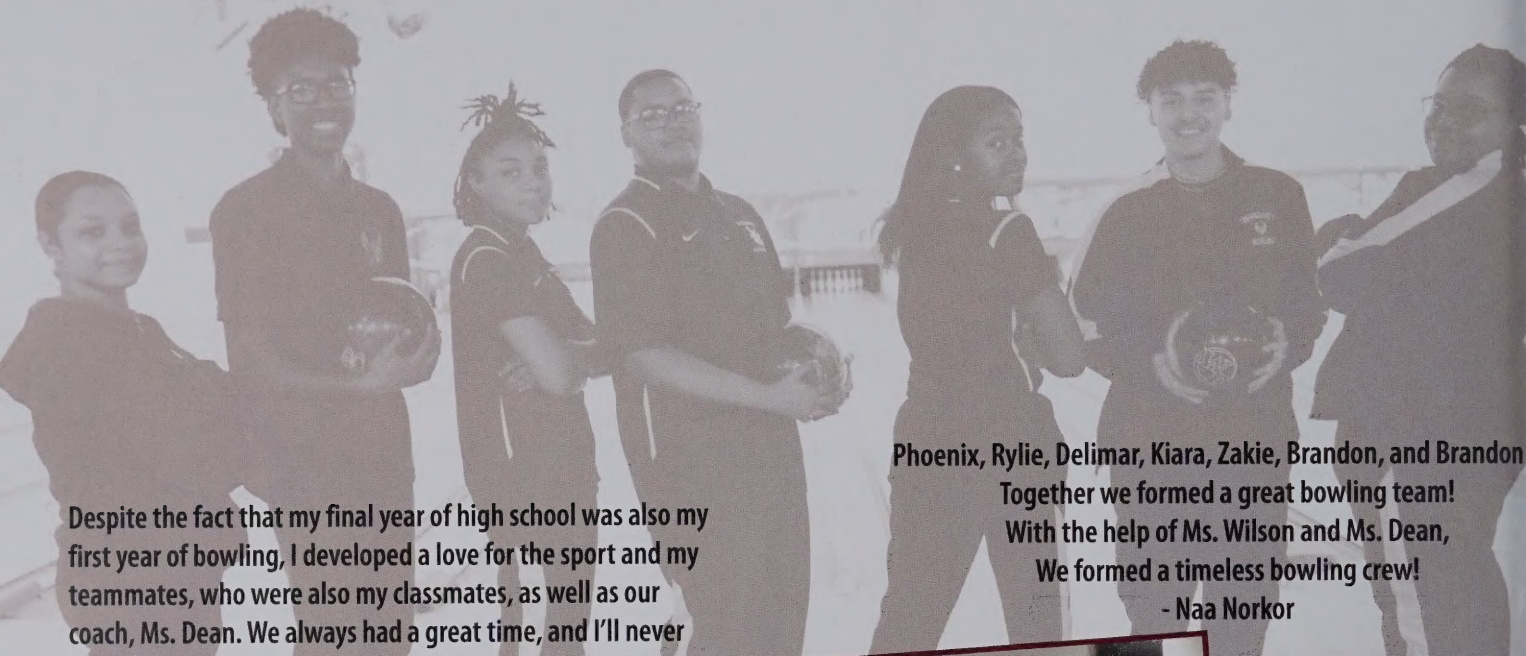
- Jer-breeah Fogg



Girls Volleyball defeats East Side High School to advance to the NBOE tournament semi-finals.



BOWLING



Despite the fact that my final year of high school was also my first year of bowling, I developed a love for the sport and my teammates, who were also my classmates, as well as our coach, Ms. Dean. We always had a great time, and I'll never forget this team and the times we spent together.

- Delimar

Bowling was a new and fun experience for me. I met new people, and got to bowl competitively for the first time. For that opportunity, I am truly grateful.

- Zakie

Phoenix, Rylie, Delimar, Kiara, Zakie, Brandon, and Brandon
Together we formed a great bowling team!
With the help of Ms. Wilson and Ms. Dean,
We formed a timeless bowling crew!

- Naa Norkor



Bowling is a new sport to me, but it has quickly moved to being a favorite of mine, from hitting a strike to sharing a laugh on the bus with my teammates. It's never a dull moment.

- Rylie



Bowling was a fun and enjoyable experience, allowing me to relax and bond with friends, and a skill I will carry for the rest of my life. - Brandon P.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will always be my sport. I fell in love with the game when I was young and my love never stopped. I'm grateful for my teammates and coaches. Thanks for letting me be your captain.

Brandon P.



University Athletics hosts the first boys volleyball team in the school's history. Let's Go Phoenix!!!



2022-2023 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(Top Row): Coach Xarial Chandler, Erik Bautista-San Juan, Gustave Kabwe, Mustakeem Obayomi, Yahir Guerrero, Sincere Henderson, Justin Contreras, Amir Robinson-Hagans, Coach Elijah Allen (2nd Row): Brandon Palacios, Zakie Berry, Jason Melgar-Rodriguez, Terril Coley (Not pictured): David Anacletus

CHEERLEADING



Nagee Johnson-Nunez
Class of 2023

Egypt Ferguson
Class of 2023



Freshman cheerleaders Da'Mya and Johanna pose during half time of the Essex County Tournament semifinals game.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Playing basketball at University High School has been an honor, a privilege and has taught me many life lessons. I experienced support from my coaches, who always showed care about the players' well-being, and most importantly, our success in life. University has been, by far, the most fulfilling home-like environment for me.

-Khalim Walker



Khalim Walker
Class of 2023



Playing basketball has definitely helped me focus on my overall growth and need for self-discipline. - Damon Scott



Jalen Gordon
Class of 2023



Corey Staggers
Class of 2023



Damon Scott
Class of 2023

NJSIAA GROUP I STATE CHAMPS

GIRLS | BASKETBALL

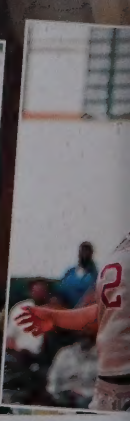
University won the NJSIAA 2022-23 girls basketball Group I championship on Sunday at RWJ Barnabas Health Arena in Toms River. University defeated Shore 57-47, the second consecutive season that University has beaten Shore to capture the Group 1 title.



Michaela Guest, Center, #23
Class of 2023



Aaliyah Perry-Tillman, Center, #15
Class of 2023





2022-2023 NJSIAA Girls Championship Basketball Team

Serenity Muhammad, Kerry Goodman, Aaliyah Perry-Tillman, Amira Corbett, Michaela Guest, Ki-Lin Thomas, Taylor LaRue
 Paradise Fisher, Zakiyyah Lindsey, Destiny Bynum-Johnson, Mya Davis, Morgan Marshall
 Coaches: Amiri Baraka Jr., Chase Bernard III, Cornelius Hunt, Nicole Keitt, Joscelyn Williams
 Manager: Jaylah Judd



Destiny Bynum-Johnson, Guard, #5
Class of 2023



Mya Davis, Guard, #3
Class of 2023



Coach Amiri "Middy" Baraka Jr., NJ.com's 2022 Coach of the Year, reminds the Lady Phoenix, during a time out of the state championship game, that there is nothing more important than working together, trusting your teammates and focusing on the goal of winning the game.

INDOOR & OUTDOOR TRACK



Boys 4x400 team competed in the 2023 Penn Relays.



Class of 2023

Naa Norkor Noi, Fawaz Bilewu, Kawiona Young, C'wan Mer



Coach Monroe gives Fawaz a high-five after winning the gold.



Fawaz continues to dominate in the hurdles race at the Super Essex Conference track meet. During this moment in History, he earned 1st Place for the 110 m hurdles and the long jump.



In their first SEC Championship meet, Kerry and Alvin both medal in the shot put event. Kerry made history for University High School by winning the gold medal in her division.

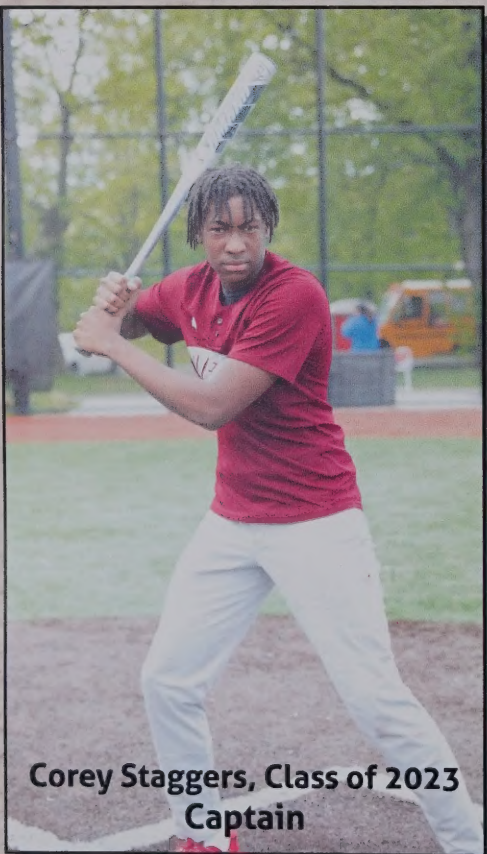
BASEBALL

Charles Perez on baseball at University

During my Freshman year, we had a lot of potential to be a good team and then - Boom: Pandemic Happens. I was really distraught that we never how successful we could have been that season. Then, my sophomore season we were lucky enough to play baseball even though it was not at University. We gathered whatever players were available and formed a co-op with Weequahic. I met some cool players and coaches during my short stint there. On to my Junior season, and we finally got to play at University. It felt good being able to represent the Phoenix again. We had a great time and a successful season with a winning record and multiple all-stars. Finally, it's my Senior season, and we've had a rough start but that's expected when you have new team. My role has changed slightly, and as captain I have to be the one help guide my teammates. The role is new and sometimes nerve wracking but I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. I am so happy to have been a part of the University High School Baseball team during the time I was here.



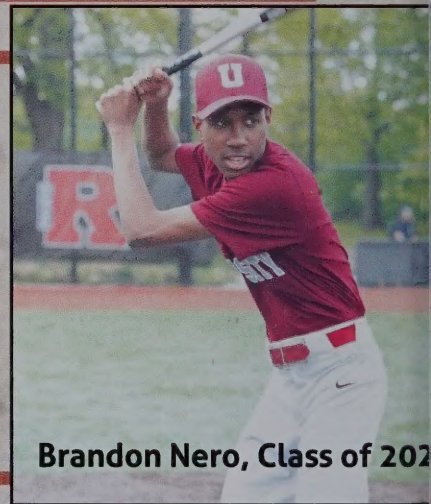
**Charles Perez, Class of 2023
Captain**



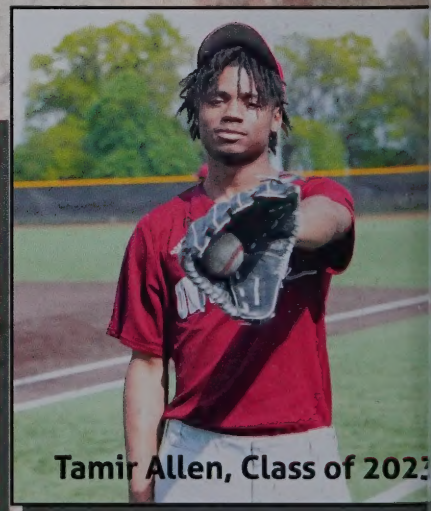
**Corey Stagers, Class of 2023
Captain**



Leron Simon, Class of 2023



Brandon Nero, Class of 2023



Tamir Allen, Class of 2023

SOFTBALL

Domonique Bradford on softball at University

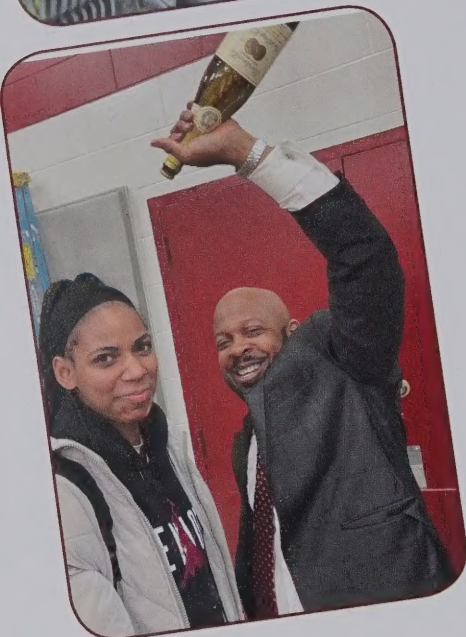
I have been playing softball since a young child, but it was not until recently that I realized why my appreciation for the sport is so great. Softball always made me happy, and it was just a getaway for me. Softball teaches you lessons on and off the field: you must persevere and never give up. Softball keeps me going and keeps me wanting more.

Domonique Bradford
Class of 2023



Hidiyah Torres
Class of 2023





University High School Coaching Staff



- Elijah Allen - Boys Basketball, Boys Volleyball
- Boris Analuisa - Boys Soccer, Baseball
- Amiri Baraka Jr. - Girls Basketball
- Kelvin Brown - Boys Basketball
- Xarial Chandler - Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball
- Bernard Chase - Girls Tennis, Girls Basketball
- Jumannah Chase - Girls Tennis
- Mary Dean - Bowling, Softball
- Fabio Diaz - Boys Soccer, Baseball
- Cornelius Hunt - Girls Basketball
- Nicole Keitt - Girls Basketball
- Al-Hakim McLaurin - Boys Basketball
- Lawren Monroe - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field
- Harvey Phillips - Indoor Track, Outdoor Track & Field
- Je'miah Schofield - Cheerleading
- Egypt Vernon - Cheerleading
- Ramel Watson - Boys Basketball
- Joscelyn Williams - Girls Basketball
- Michelle Wilson - Girls Volleyball

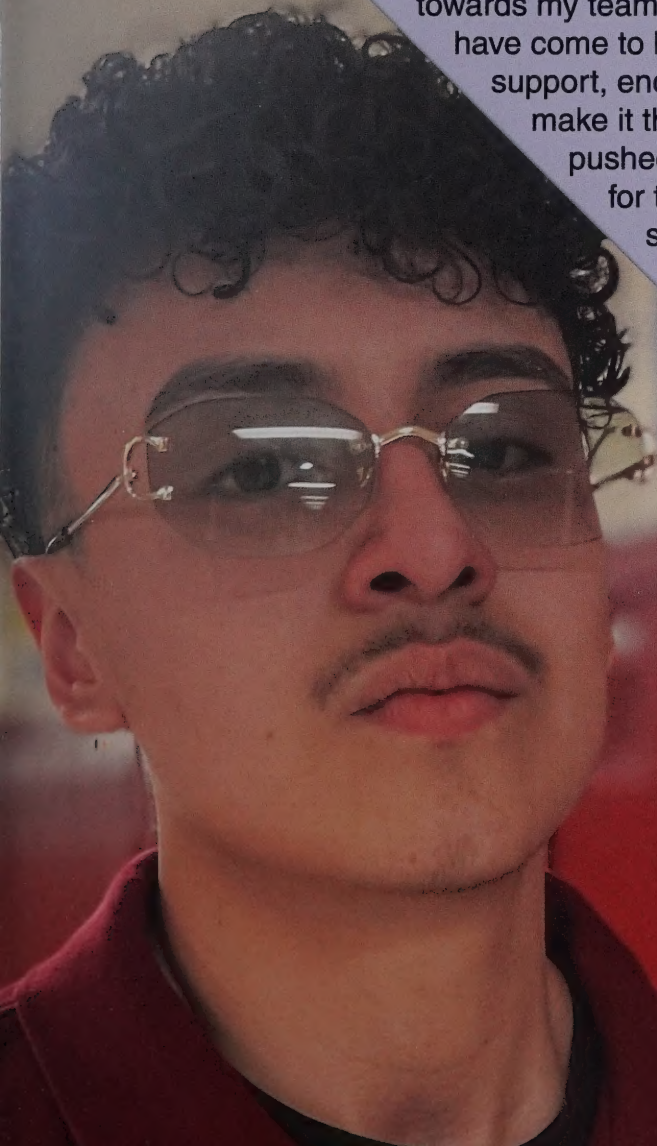


MANAGE THE MOMENT

"IF YOU WANT TO MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR TIME, YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT AND THEN GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT." LEE IACocca

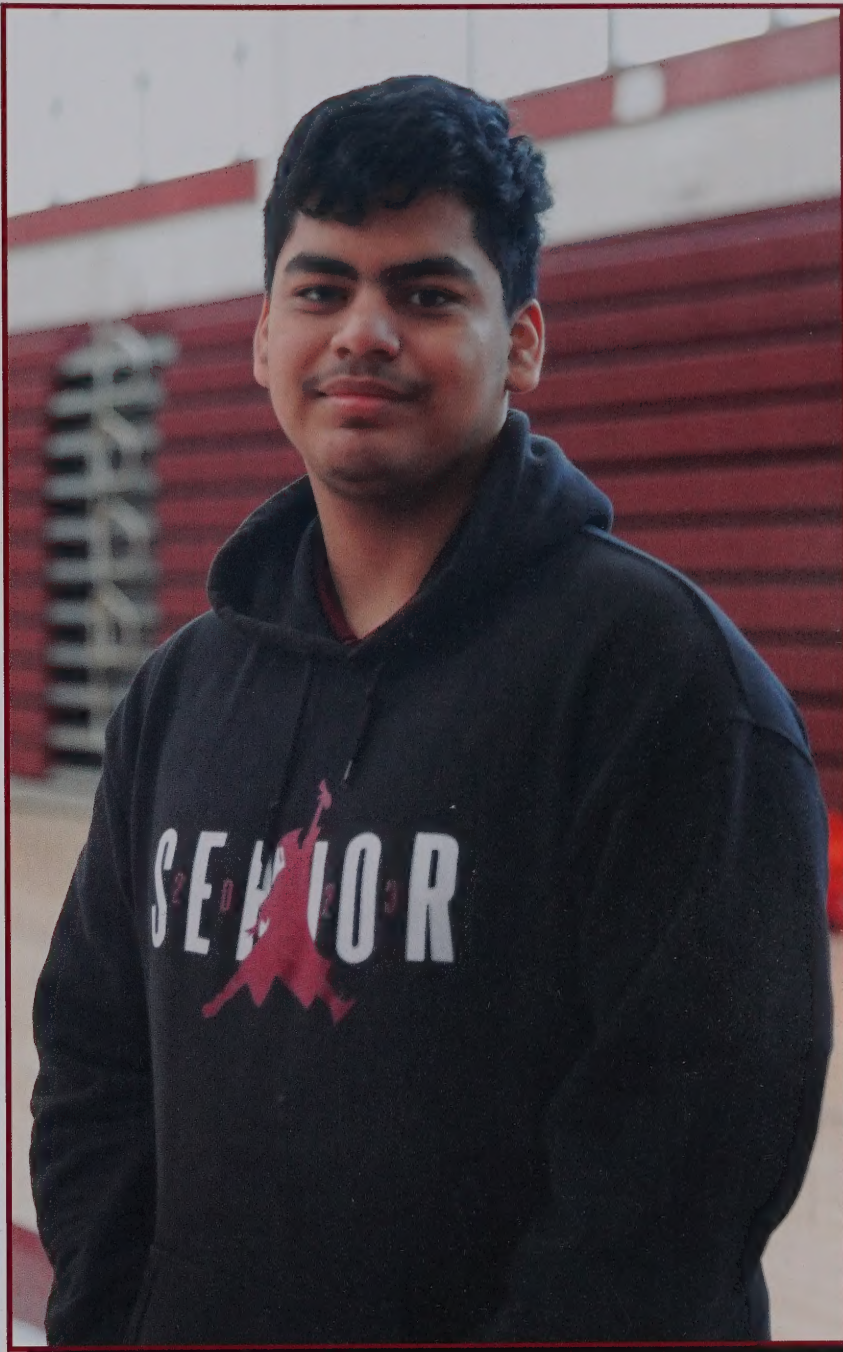
As I write this, I'm filled with a lot of emotions. My senior year was sincerely a crazy ride, especially as a student athlete. There were challenges and obstacles that I never thought I would overcome. But thanks to the support and encouragement of everyone here, I was able to make it through and accomplished things I never thought possible. Juggling normal classes and college courses at NJIT wasn't easy. I had to manage my time efficiently to keep up with the coursework and maintain my grades. And, when volleyball season came around, I was given the responsibility of team captain. But that captain label comes with a lot of responsibility. I had to ensure that we performed at our best, motivate the team, and lead by example. And at the end of the day I had to find a way to balance my classes, college courses, and volleyball responsibilities. I remember leaving NJIT immediately after my classes ended and taking an Uber to University to make it to practice. Yet, my NJIT course finished at 3:50 pm every day, which made me miss the first hour of practice. It was frustrating, but I couldn't let my team down. I had to find a way to manage my time better, so I used the time during the Uber ride to complete any assignments. After practice ended, I usually got home around 8 pm. Of course, it was exhausting, but there was a sense of love and responsibility towards my team and school that pushed me to keep going. Through it all, I have come to love and appreciate the staff at University. Without the support, encouragement, and guidance, I wouldn't have been able to make it through the tough times. You all have believed in me and pushed me to be the best that I can be. I will always be grateful for the experiences and memories that I made during my senior year, and will carry them with me forever. As I prepare to leave, I will always remember the lessons that I learned here. The lessons of hard work, dedication, and perseverance will always stay with me. I want to encourage everyone to continue to strive for excellence and to never give up on your dreams. With hard work and determination, anything is possible. I hope to see the University name, R.I.S.E even higher in the future. Thank you again for everything, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
Brandon Palacios





Greatest Of
All Time



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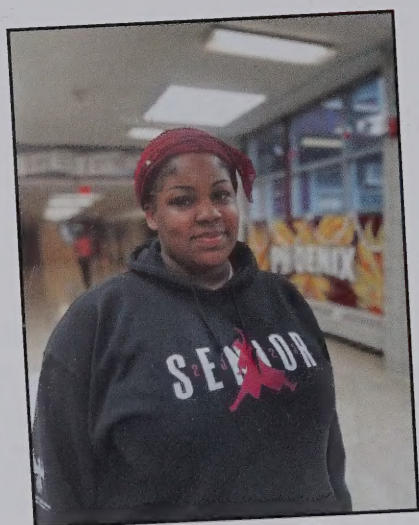


Most Athletic
Fawaz and Corey



Most Confident
Khyasia

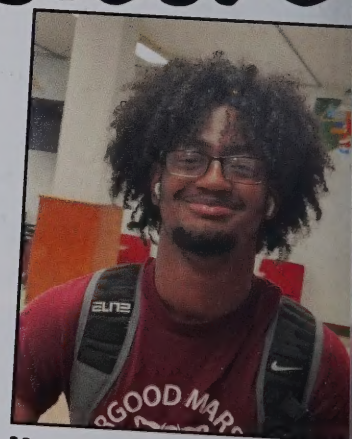
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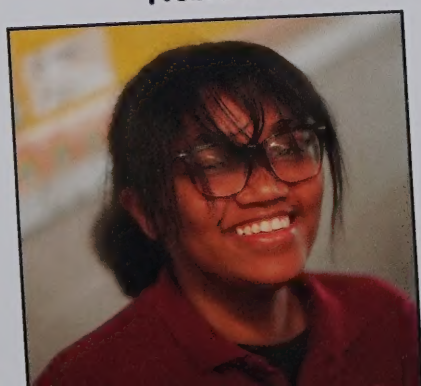
Never On Time
Nakira-NorRis



Ready for Nap Time
Drake



Talking All the Time
Malachi



Most Artistic
Original Art Work by
Sara





Most Performances
at The "U"

Kiara

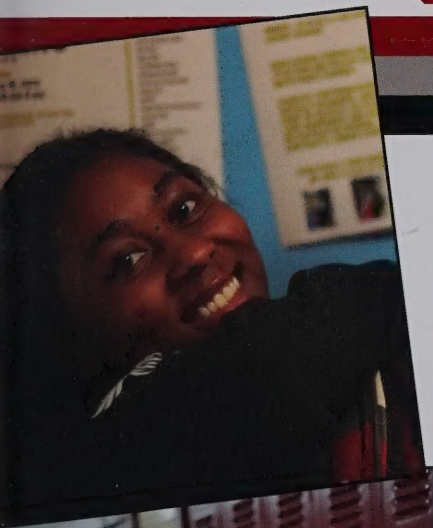


Best Couple
C'wan and Naa Norkor



Funniest Jokes
Steve

GREATEST OF ALL TIME...



Best Smile

Sage



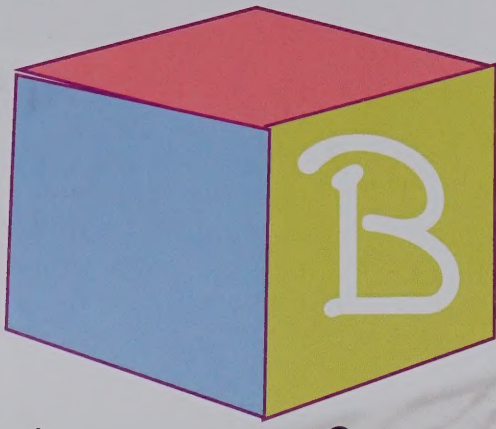
Happy to be here ALL
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Best Bromance
Brandon and Zakie



Most Dramatic
Ma'Khia

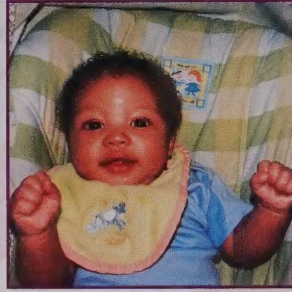


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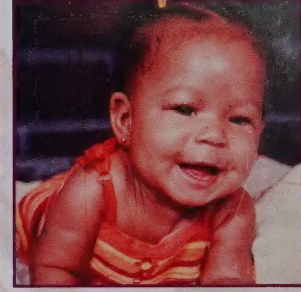
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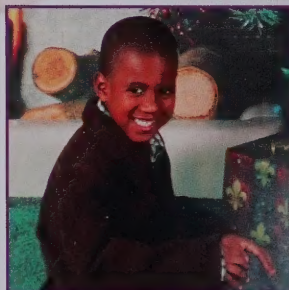
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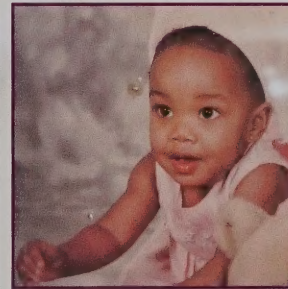
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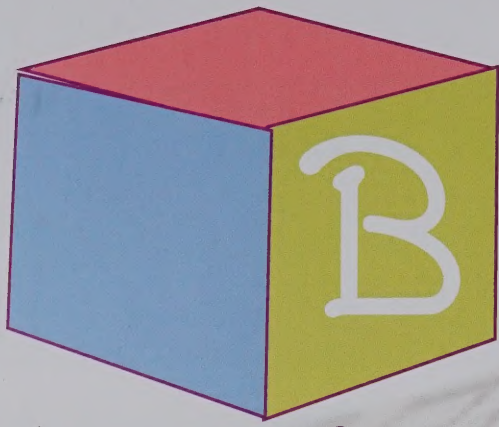
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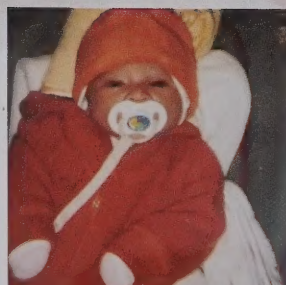
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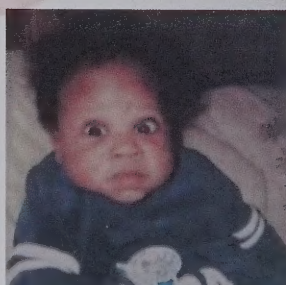
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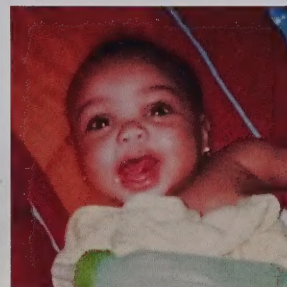
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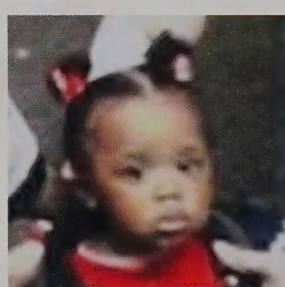
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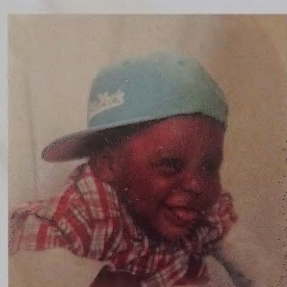
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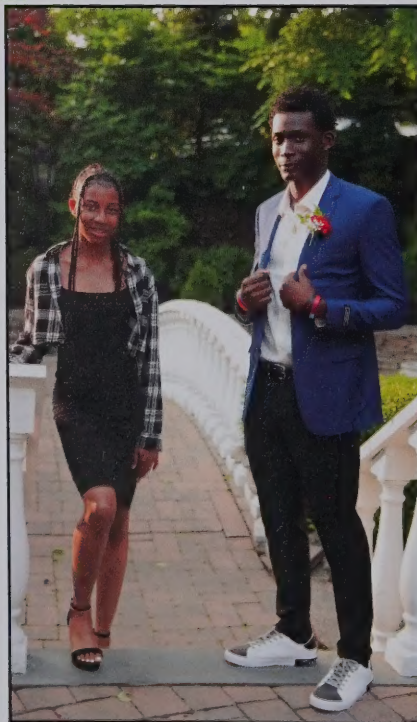
Moments in History



On January 23, 2023, Naomi Reyes was selected to join the National Education Equity Lab Honor Society for being among the top scholars in their college-in-high school course, and on January 31, 2023 she was honored as the Salutatorian.

Posse Scholarship

On January 6, 2023, Rylie McMillan was honored as a recipient of the Posse Scholarship. She was one of ten selected to win a full-tuition four year scholarship to Centre College worth over \$200,000. Throughout the recruitment process, Rylie demonstrated positive team skills, a thirst for learning, and a commitment to making a difference in the community.



National Education Equity Lab Honor Society



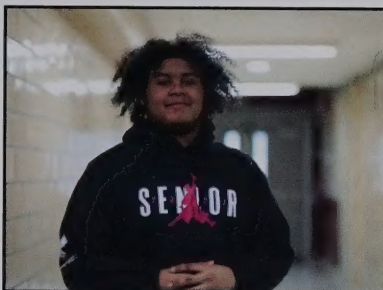
Super Essex Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year

On May 9, 2023, Fawaz Bilewu and Kawiona Young were honored by the Super Essex Conference as the male and female Essex County Scholar Athletes of the Year.

In September 2019, the Class of 2023 became the first cohort to participate the Earn to Learn summer college experience at Montclair State University.

National Girls and Women in Sports Day

On February 2, 2023, Destiny Bynum-Johnson was recognized as a National Girls and Women in Sports Day honoree. The National Girls and Women in Sports Day is an annual day of observance held during the first week of February to acknowledge the accomplishments of female athletes, recognize the influence of sports participation for women and girls, and honor the progress and continuing struggle for equality for women in sports.



Seniors, of the Class of 2023, with a GPA of 3.5 or higher were honored on June 9, 2023 at the Superintendent's Academic Award Night.

Unsung Heroes

On March 21, 2023, Fanta Kamara was recognized by the Essex County School Boards Association, receiving the 2023 Unsung Heroes Student Recognition. This award recognizes students who make their school a better place simply because they are part of it and who may often be overlooked under more traditional recognition criteria.



Boys Volleyball

On April 3, 2023, Brandon Palacios led the first boys volleyball team in the history of U.H.S. Athletics and on May 23, 2023, became the recipient of the 2023 Super Essex Conference and Yogi Berra Best Teammate Award.



Thurgood Marshall Scholarship

On February 4, 2023, Grey Staggers and Simone Sunley were honored as recipients of the \$10,000 Thurgood Marshall Scholarship during the Legacy Classic at The Prudential Center.



USIAA Champions

On March 5, 2023, the Lady Phoenix Basketball team won their 4th consecutive Group I state championship.



Phoenix P.E.A.R.L.S.

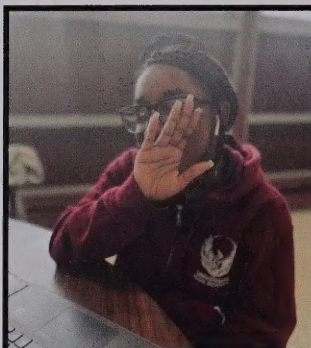
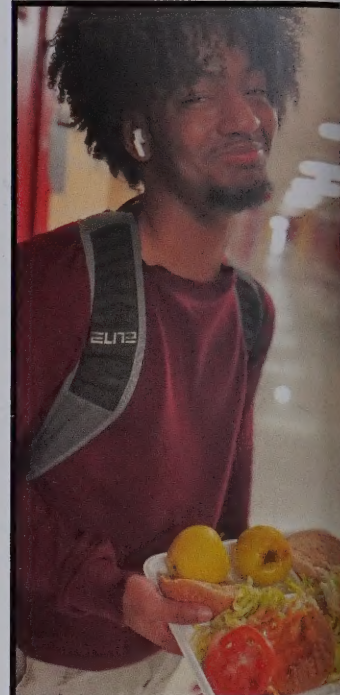
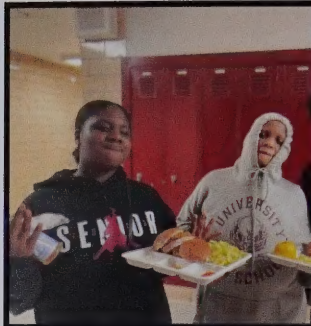
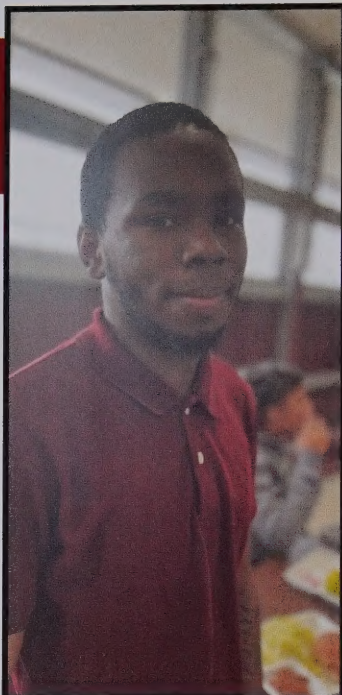
On March 31, 2023, Kiara Hall becomes one of the founding members of P.E.A.R.L.S. under the direction of Ms. Nikkia Neal, Dance Teacher.

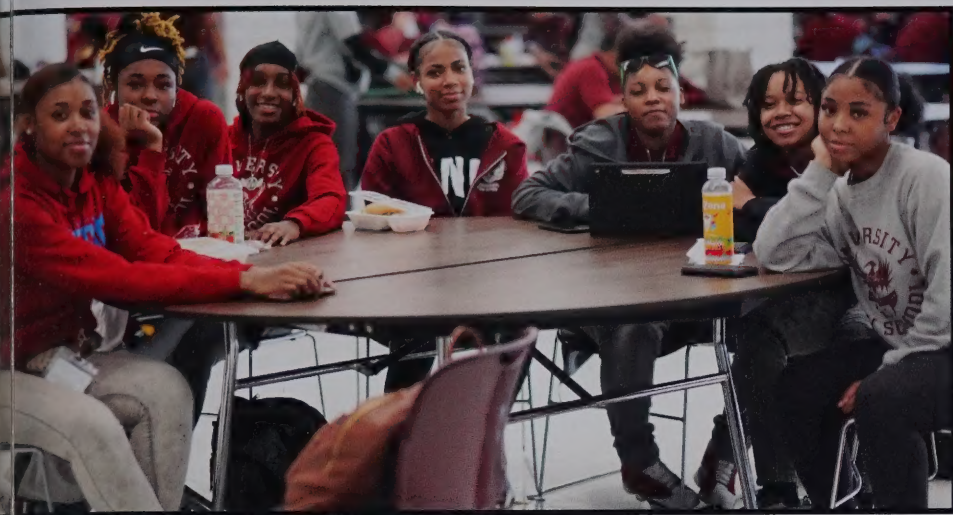
Dual Enrollment College Courses

The Class of 2023 becomes the first class to participate in dual enrollment college courses with Howard University and Brown University.

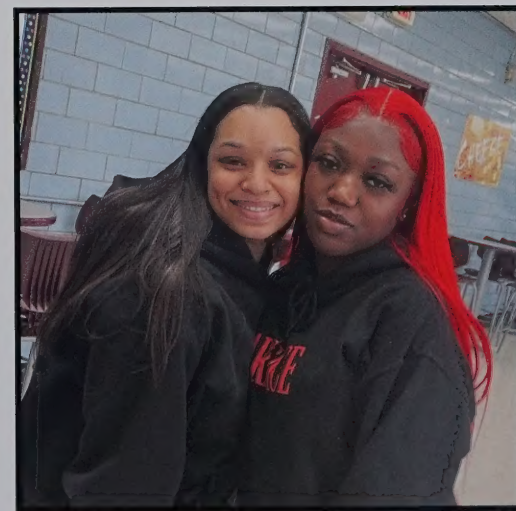
On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Rylie McMillan and Simone Sunley were honored at the Essex County Scholar Awards Ceremony, as the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, by the New Jersey Department of Education among 88 other high school seniors.

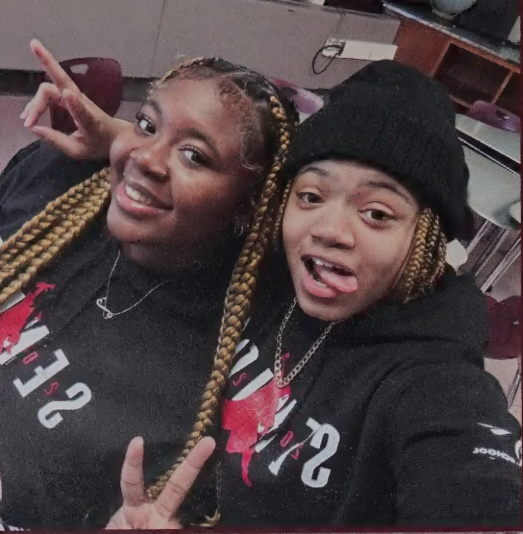
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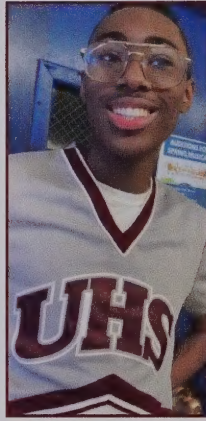
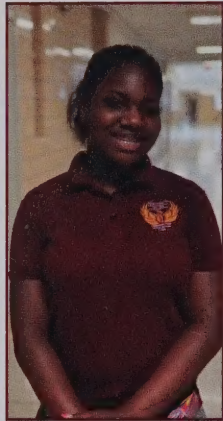


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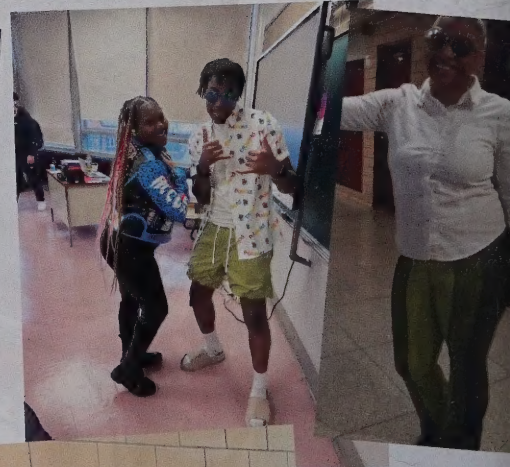


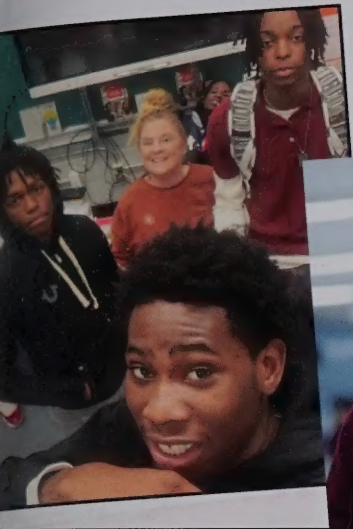


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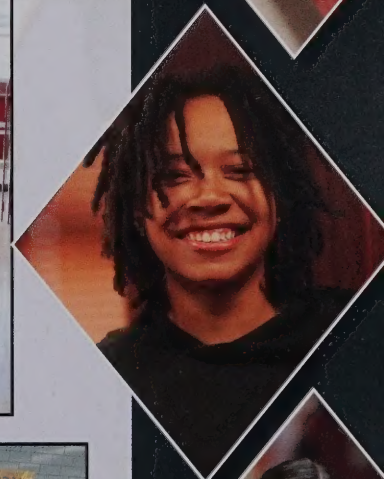
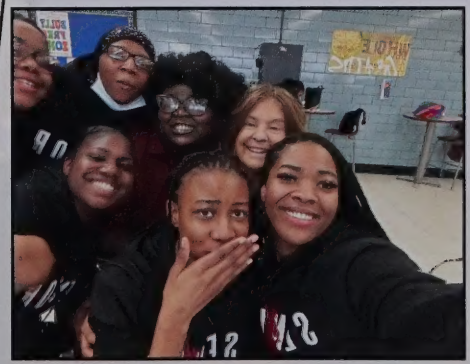
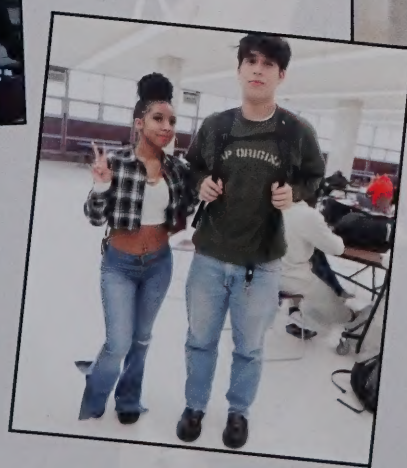
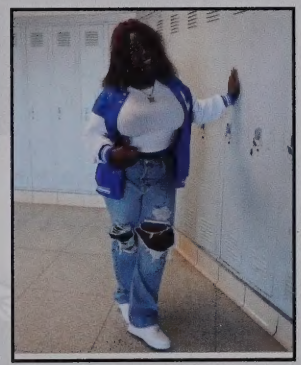
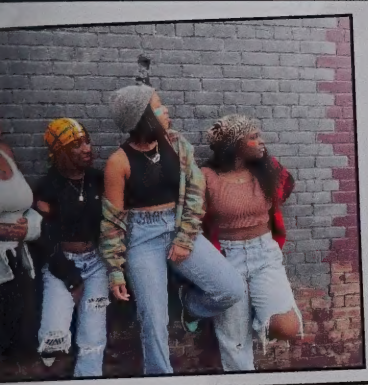


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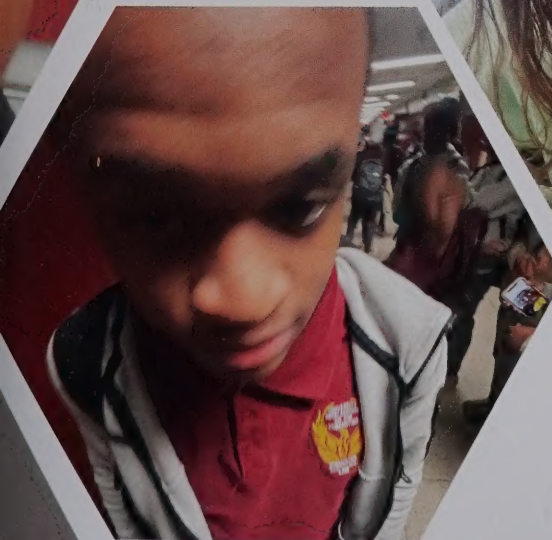
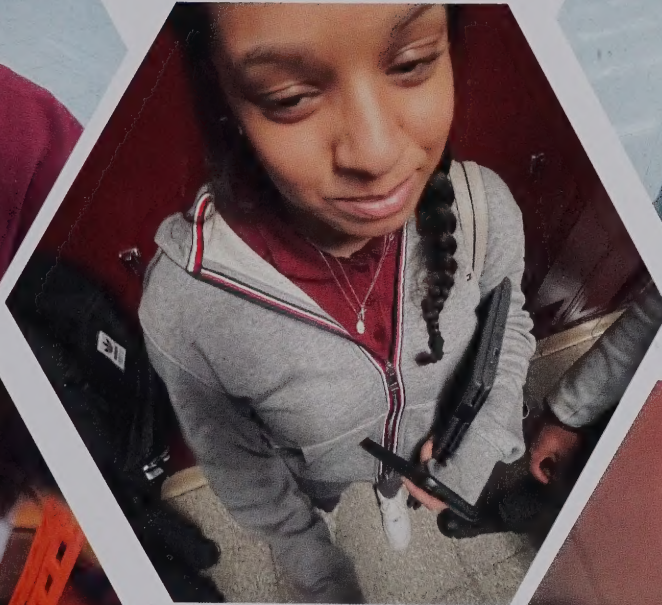
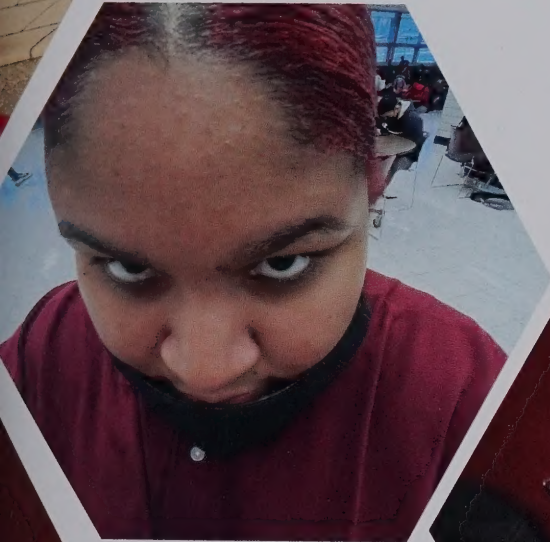


DRESS DOWN FRIDAYS





HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE LEFT?
0.5 SECONDS!



6 YEAR STUDENTS



Where do I start for my end? From the moment I knew I was coming to University in 7th grade, I had no idea what to expect. I do know that over the past six years, I have grown to be a whole new person. By the grace of God, I made it six years and boyyy would I do it again. It's never goodbye to University...Always see you later to my home away from home.

- Mikayla

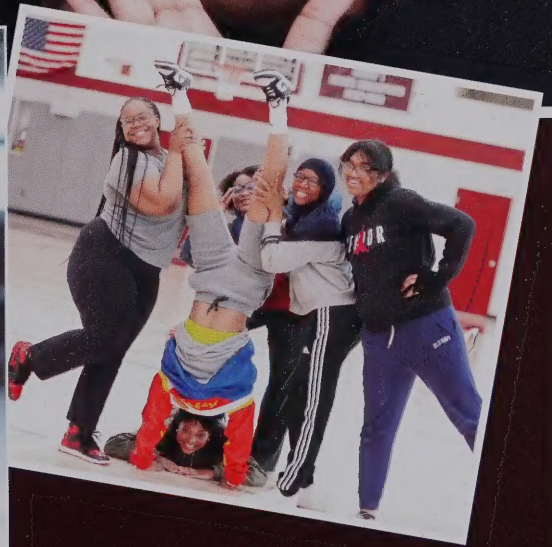
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Fawaz: Mikayla used to be so mean and had anger issues but over time she grew and worked on herself then turned to a whole different person.

Kamaya was a quiet and calm person and wasn't social at all and use to get irritated so easily but overtime she became more social and started talking to new people and making friends.

Class of 2023:

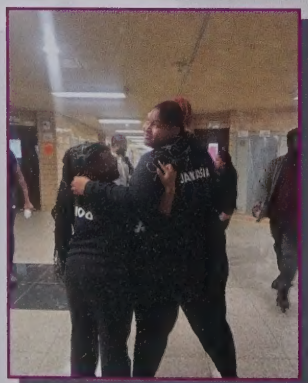
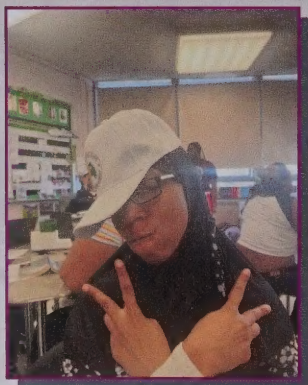
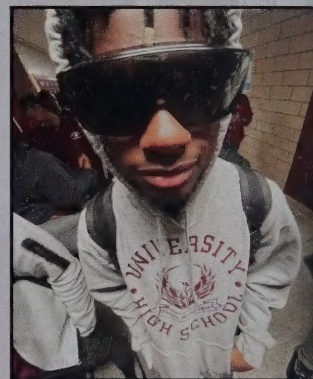




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 Fanta Kamara - Reporter/Writer, Editor
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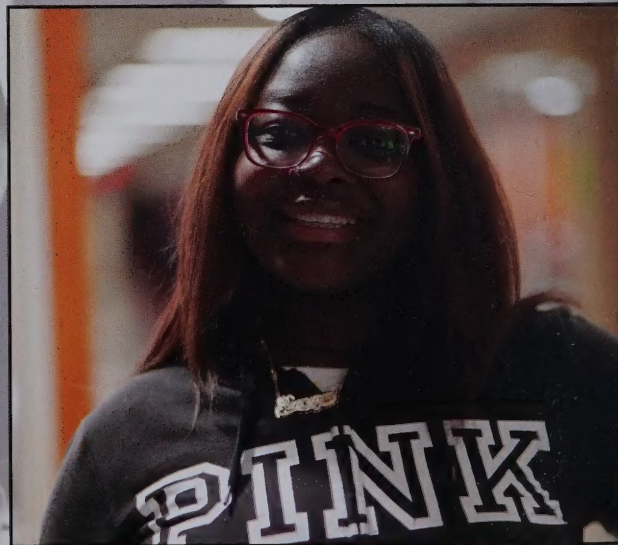
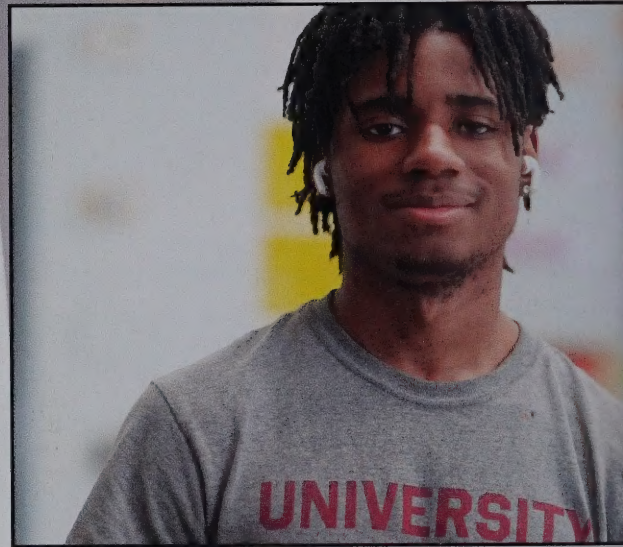
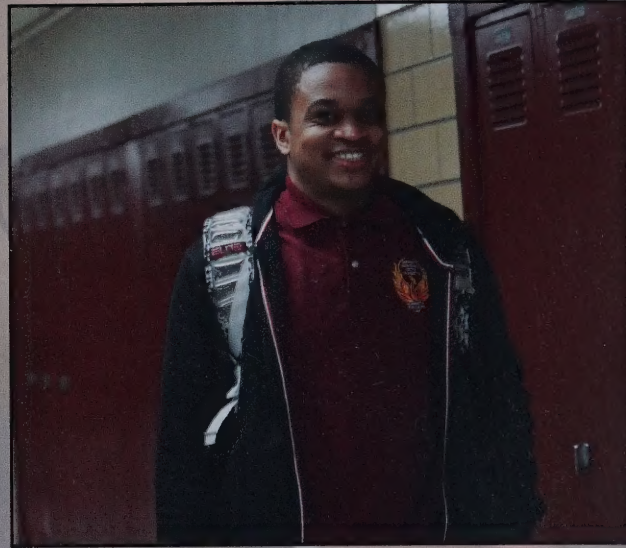
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University High School Memory Lane





Senior 2019-2023



A Note From

MR. A. BILLUPS

Dear University High School Senior Class of 2023,

As your grade level administrator, I am honored to offer you my heartfelt congratulations as you complete this significant milestone in your lives. Your graduation is a timeless moment that marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

While your high school journey may have been filled with countless memories, it is important to remember that your achievements and experiences will stand the test of time. They will always hold a special place in your heart, as well as in the hearts of those who have supported and encouraged you along the way.

As you move forward and face the many challenges that life may present, I encourage you to embrace the timeless qualities of perseverance, courage, and passion that have brought you to this moment. Remember that your success is not measured by how quickly you reach your goals, but rather by the journey you take to get there and the lessons you learn along the way.

May your journey be filled with many more timeless moments of joy, growth, and accomplishment. Always remember the lessons you learned during your time here, the friendships you made, and the experiences you had, as they will continue to shape the person you become.

Congratulations on your graduation, and I wish you all the best as you move forward into the next phase of your lives.

Sincerely,
Mr. Amir B. Billups



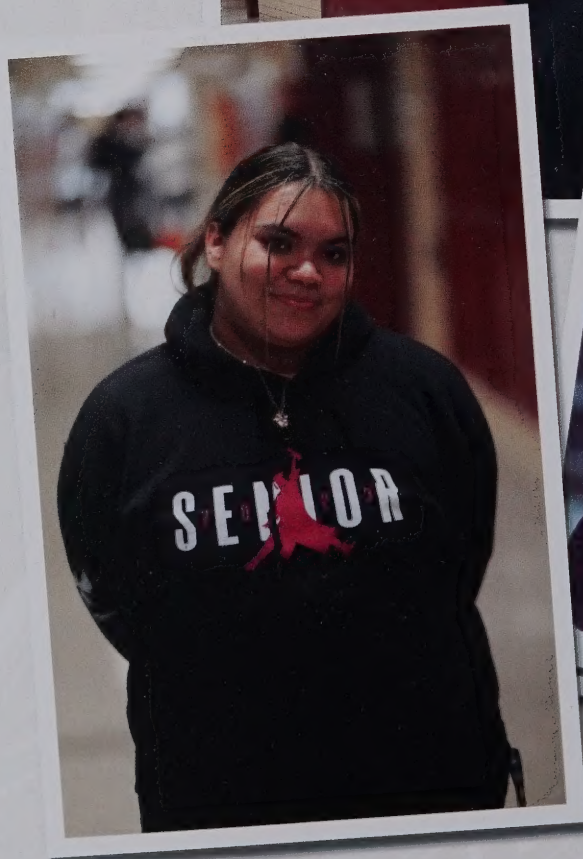
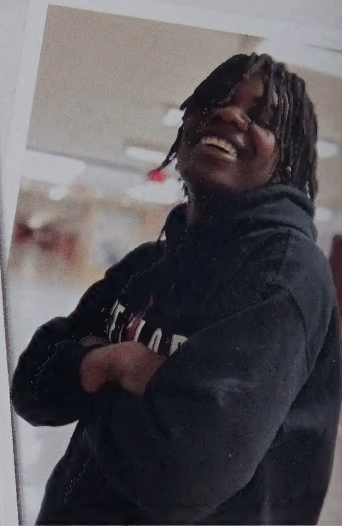
Dear High School,

There are only a few weeks left in the school year and it is almost time for us to move on into the next steps of our lives. Time to say farewell.

Farewell to the timeless memories we've made together that brought us through our darkest times. Farewell to those stressful days where we wouldn't know whether we were going to make it out of here with everyone we cared about.

Farewell to the staff members that helped make everything possible for us and pushed us through even on our most stressful days. And most importantly, farewell to the version of myself that I will be leaving behind so that I may continue to blossom into the rose that I am destined to become one day. I will never forget my time here at University, and I wish the best for everyone.

Dania Aquino



Our *Memories* of *Yesterday* will last a
Lifetime. We'll take the *Best*, forget the
rest, and *Someday* will find that these
are the *Best* of *Times*.

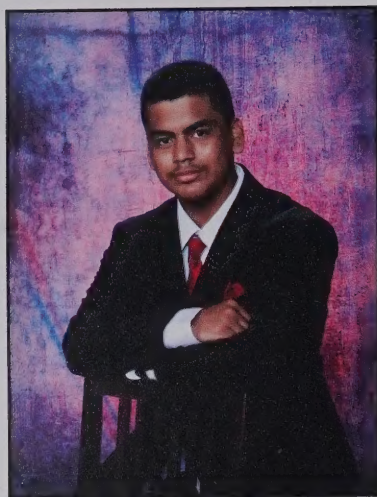
Sejada Campbell
President, Class of 2023



Dear University High School,
It has been my pleasure to be a part of the Phoenix family, and the Class of 2023. We were having such a great Freshman year, one to remember, until Covid came and took all of that away from us. No one knew it was coming and we were not prepared; but we didn't let Covid stop us from communicating. We stayed in contact with one another and from there, we knew we were family. That bond is what made the journey a bit more special. When we came back to school, the love felt stronger among us and everyone became closer than ever. I have had the pleasure to serve as the senior class president and I've got to say, it has been one of my best decisions. My goal was to make sure our voices were heard by the class advisors, administration team, and the superintendent. And, I did just that. I am glad that we were a class who cared and would do anything to make sure we were always taken seriously. And while this year may have not gone exactly the way we wanted it to go, we can say that the time is here and it's been a TIMELESS year.

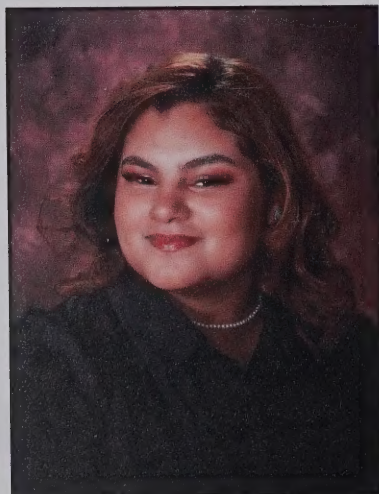
Wishing us all the best in our future endeavors,
Sejada

Be... As a page that aches for a word



Christopher Amaya

What can I say about University High School? The teachers of the school and the friends I've made helped me realize what goals I wanted to reach in life. And, I really appreciate every timeless moment. My experiences here helped me earn the education I received and provided what I needed to select the career path I chose. This education was the foundation needed for the future in which only I can determine. I would like to thank all my teachers and Principal Hamilton for making my high school experience a great one. Thank you to my family for all of their love and support.



Tayna Anchecta

Time has flown by...when I was told these high school years would go by fast it seemed like a lie. As I am a few months away from graduating I see that it is time to say farewell and start new beginnings. These years hold many memories that we will cherish throughout our future as they are all timeless. It is hard to look back at these high school years because it feels as if we jumped time and missed out on a lot of experiences due to the pandemic. On the other hand, I would say that our challenges taught us new things. Farewell Class of 2023 and those who have been there with us all these years. Although this may be an ending, I am confident that we will all be great in our futures as we have made it this far.



Khyasia Andrews

Yea it's me, Woo of course. I just want to say that my time at the Big U was so impactful. I've grown so much, and learned so many things about myself. Being at University really helped me become an amazing leader. We received genuine care from the close-knit Phoenix family. We were able to endure high school at University because of that support. The love we felt, the attention we received and the constant reminder that we are going to be something great ... always made me proud to be a Phoenix. The feeling and bond I have towards my school, my principal, my teachers, and all my friends will be timeless and never forgotten. (Woo out)

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Ariana Artis

The moments that happened throughout these four years of my life at University High School are looked at as timeless. Time flew by so fast and within a blink of an eye. Covid had a great impact on us and rushed our last years together but I'll never forget the laughs that occurred in the hallways every period. Goodbye to the tardy slip machine and the complaints about having a car and never coming on time.

As we move on to the next chapter of life, I wish everyone the best and hope that we all move on to better things.



Egypt Atwater

FINALLY! I thought this time would never come! I have made friends and lost some. But at the end of the day, that diploma will be stamped with my name on it and nobody else's. High school was full of stressors but I know all the experiences will be responsible for my huge successes. I'm SO ready to start my journey, flourish in my skin and become your future black female attorney. Our high school journey has been timeless and I'm ready to go forward. I'm OUT! #JordanYear

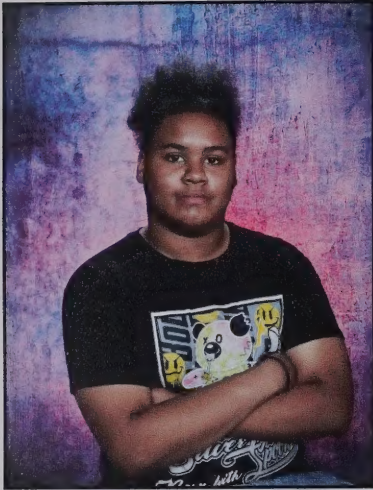


Drake Barnes

This farewell is to say goodbye, not just to the students, but to the teachers and all the memories we made. Everybody here holds timeless memories. Everything we have said and done will have a major impact on the friendships and relationships we've formed over the course of these four long years. I wanted to live a little more than I had before, and I think I accomplished that to some degree. However, it is time that I, as well as all the other seniors, move on and make a living in the world. Now, it will be up to whoever comes after us to make this place as great or, better yet, even better than it was before.

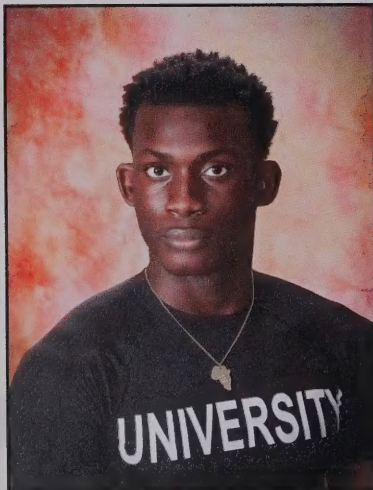


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Zakie Berry

As we say farewell to our time here at University, we are reminded of the timeless memories and lessons they have left with us. We may be moving on, but we'll never forget the friendships and experiences we've had here. To my fellow seniors, I say goodbye and good luck on the next stage of your journey. Remember all that you have learned and all the people who have supported you along the way.



Fawaz Bilewu

I want to take a minute to express my gratitude for the time I have spent here as I get ready to graduate and go on to the next stage of my life. University served as my home away from home for six years, and I am sincerely appreciative of the knowledge, experiences, and connections I have acquired while here. I also want to express my gratitude to all of the teachers, staff members and administrators who have devoted many hours to helping me and my fellow students. Your commitment to education and enthusiasm for it have motivated me to work hard to achieve my own objectives and high standards in all I do. These moments have been timeless.



Sara Bouttry

I haven't been here for very long but I am extremely happy that I was able to come to University and create amazing memories that I will never forget. I am so happy for all the friendships I have made and for all the people I have met. The memories that I have made here at University High School are Timeless.

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Domonique Bradford

It's time to say farewell! I have been here since middle school and I have many memories and good stories to tell. No matter how much I say I hate high school, I know that when I graduate, I will be wishing I could start my high school experience all over again. So, to all who come after me, ENJOY HIGH SCHOOL and create great timeless memories--Memories you want to last forever! You will be saying, "High School really did go by as fast as they say. Like, wasn't I just a freshman?" Enjoy every little moment of high school because you will regret wishing for time to hurry and pass away. Time goes by so fast! With that being said, FAREWELL.



Destiny Bynum-Johnson

As I sit here to write this farewell, I am filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand, I am excited about the new chapter in my life that awaits me. On the other hand, I am sad to say goodbye to all of you who have been an important part of my life, supporting me through everything this past five years. I want to take this opportunity to tell the upcoming graduating class not to get in the friend group where nobody will be pushing you to do your work what's best for you. Push yourself to be the best person you can be. As I move on to new adventures, I take with me the lessons and values that have been instilled in me. I will always remember the timeless wisdom and enduring friendships that I have gained from our time together.



Diana Campos

These past four years have been an emotionally stressful time but I will miss all the people I've grown to appreciate and know throughout these years. I hope to stay in contact with most of you. I never really broke out of my shell until this senior year and I regret it deeply. My time here is coming to an end and there's not much I can do but live in the present and express myself with what little time I have left. Farewell to all my teachers that had to deal with my lack of motivation in doing anything and farewell to the lunch ladies that wanted me to come out of my shell. Goodbye to all the students even if we never really spoke to each other. I hope everyone's time at University is timeless.



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Deirdre Corbett

Saying goodbye is hard, especially when it means bidding farewell to the wonderful years we shared together. I know I'll visit you again one day. I'll miss our mornings before homeroom where we would laugh and cry together. Each day, there were moments where time stopped and was timeless to me. I'll miss our classroom debates on serious topics and SEL days in Mr. Jannah's class, where he would check in to make sure we were mentally okay, especially with the heavy workload. I will miss the laughs we had together in Mrs. Jones, Ms. Roberts, and Ms. Harris-Rice. My friends and I would visit our teachers' classrooms just to see them smile. I'll cherish those timeless moments forever. We had a wild ride together Class of '23!



Cristian Cuatlayotl

Farewell to University High School!

Over the years, I have seen many challenges but I am glad to say that I overcame each one of them. I am appreciative to the staff members who taught me lessons in the classroom especially because they were not all about what was only in the books. I want to congratulate all the seniors for making it to this time in our lives and I wish you all the best. Thank you to my family who have supported me throughout my life.



Delimar Cuevas-Nunez

Don't allow saying goodbye become a thing of the past during these last upcoming weeks. Your friends, your teachers, your mentors, and this school are things you cannot bring with you. Yet, the heaviness in your heart is a signal to bid farewell to this timeless part of your life. This moment is a chance to express your love and grief together. However, you will build your own new homes elsewhere. It is important to give this chapter the proper ending it deserves.

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Isaiyah Cummings

I am very thankful for my high school experience although freshman year was cut short. Also, the entire sophomore year for the class of 2023 was taken but I feel as if everything happens for a reason. Students experienced a very limited social life since we had to attend school virtually. Yet, that time allowed us to find many ways to expand our creativeness. Besides the effects of Covid and with many ups and downs, my four years at University were something to remember. I could not imagine myself in a high school setting other than University High School. I wish my moments at this school were timeless. I look forward to seeing the ones younger than me become successful and represent Our School, "The U".



Malachi David

The measure of the man is what he does with power and thank you for casting the iron and forging this anew. Now sit back and watch me conquer. Thank You Mr. Jannah, Mr. Inclan, Ms. Jones, Mr. Billups, Mr. Suarez and Dr. Lopez. I am going to miss the atmosphere of our class discussions and the jokes. You all helped me solve problems with poise. It all seemed to be so timeless in itself, and it will never get old. The memories will stay young forever. Thank you for preparing us for all of our future endeavors.

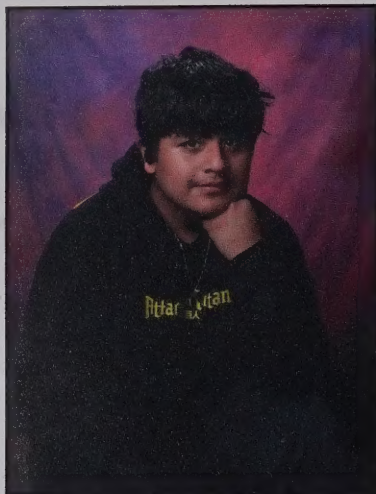


Mya Davis

My high school journey has been long and treacherous but I am forever grateful for the friends and adults that I met. I am forever thankful for the championships I was allowed to win and the help from so many who provided opportunities for me to perform at such a high level. My most memorable moment would be winning two sectional championships and two group championships with the Lady Phoenix basketball team. I truly appreciate my coach, Amiri Baraka, for preparing me for the real world when I leave University's doors. Even though I have a love/hate relationship with this school, I am so happy to be graduating with the Class of 2023. It feels surreal. I am aware that this timeless experience will never come back.



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Cesar Duran

Friends and Teachers,

As I prepare to leave high school and embark on a new journey, I am filled with mixed emotions. It is bittersweet to say goodbye to the place that has been my least favorite part of the day for the last four years, but I am also excited for what lies ahead. I want to express my gratitude to all the teachers who have supported me. Your guidance, encouragement, and patience have been invaluable, leaving an impact on my life. I will carry with me the lessons and experiences that I have gained in high school and I am excited to see where my path takes me. I hope that our paths will cross again in the future. Thank you for making my high school experience timeless.



Alaina Edmonds

Farewell University, where I made lasting bonds and learned timeless lessons. I appreciate the opportunities this school brought to me, especially those gains I experienced with the University High School Lady Phoenix basketball team. This place is where I found myself and the jumpstart to a new chapter in my life. All in all, I had a blast.

Stunna signing out!



Egypt Ferguson

For a high school career, which was affected by Covid and cut a year short, the memories, friendships, and lessons I learned have been and will continue to be timeless. Although my experience in high school hasn't been a breeze, I would say I am very grateful for what it has been. I started as a shy and quiet freshman who was interested in cheerleading to being a very outgoing cheerleading CAPTAIN, who is ready to take on the world. Shoutout to my teachers, my coach, and the staff who have been a part of my life, my friendships, my family and me! Farewell, Uni!!!

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Kamaya Flemming

This high school career has been a long six-year journey filled with different emotions but I wouldn't change anything about it. I have had an experience at University. From starting band dancing in freshman year to being one of the captains in my senior year, sadly it all went by too fast. I am happy that I met new people and some I can call friends. I can now say that my timeless moments are coming to an end and I am definitely ready. Adulthood is going to be full of challenges but I got this. It feels good to say Kamaya is signing out. #TheOGPhoenix



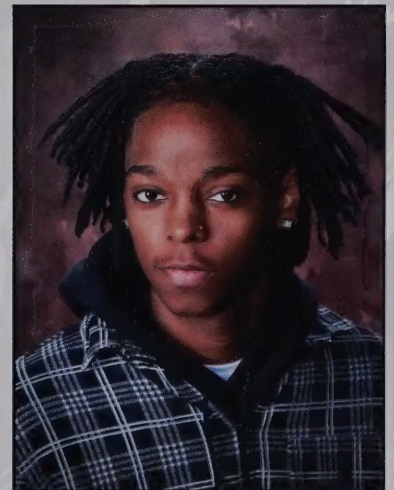
Jer-Breeah Fogg

I fell as a Lion and rose as a Phoenix. It was a hard adjustment but a fun one. I'm nothing but grateful for all the friends I made along the way. New friends or not, my love for you guys will always be timeless. Thanks for taking me in, but I'm ready to go, so farewell University. #College

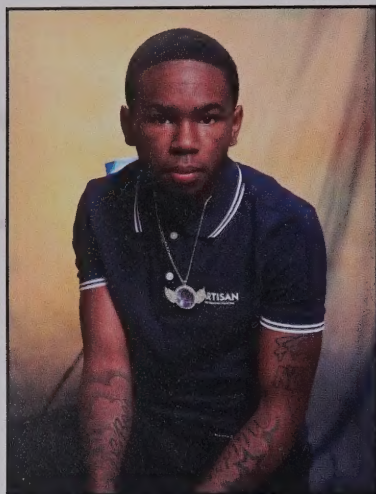


Jalen Gordon

For my first and last year at University, I can say it's been good to have been a part of the Phoenix Family. Thank you to Mrs. Hamilton for allowing me to spend my last year of high school at University. Throughout this school year, I have learned a lot from my peers and teachers, and I felt nothing but welcomed here. I especially want to thank Coach E for striving to make me the best I could be for my senior year basketball season. I've learned things I can relate to on and off the court from his coaching style and I cannot thank him enough. Those lessons will remain timeless. And a huge shoutout to Ms. Wilson for making sure my senior year was fulfilled with nothing but greatness. It's been real Phoenix Family !!



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Jah-sin Graham

I was literally just a freshman and now I am getting ready to graduate. I would like to thank all of my teachers who genuinely cared about me. I will miss all the timeless moments spent at University High School. To all of my Seniors good luck on your next journey and remember to stay focused. Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.



Michaela Guest

Dear High School,

I can't say I'll miss you or that I'll forget you, for you have taught me many lessons for which I am thankful. Looking back at our few years together made me realize that I grew a lot in a short period of time. I am so thankful for the timeless memories. Farewell to you all.

Michaela



Kiara Hall

I've spent the past four years under the impression that high school is a never ending adventure, but like many chapters in a book it ends. No more cutting class. No more running the empty halls. No more I'll give you until the end of tonight to turn in missing work from three weeks ago. The hardest part is coming to terms with adjusting to a new life undiscovered.

Instead of a goodbye to these timeless moments, let this be until next time...

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Anniyah Id-Deen

I never thought these year would come to an end this soon. I didn't start high school at University, but I still enjoyed my time here. I felt like I found out a lot about myself and who I am. Thank you to everyone who pushed me to work harder and helped me prepare for the world ahead of me. These years have been very timeless. It's like I blinked and now I'm finally a senior moving on to college. This last year, I've pushed myself harder than ever.

Farewell to my principal who cared so much for me. Farewell to my teachers who always understood my silly personality and put up with my nonsense but still stuck by me and believed in me. Farewell to this chapter in my life. I WON'T miss it!



Nagee Johnson Nunez Jr.

Dear Phoenix Family,

As I sit down to write this letter, I am filled with a mix of emotions. On one hand, I am sad to be saying goodbye to everyone who has been an important part of my life. On the other hand, I am filled with a sense of gratitude for all the memories we have shared together. To my amazing friends although we may be parting ways now, I am confident that our friendship will endure. Our memories, our shared experiences, and the love we have for each other will always be timeless. I will cherish our memories and hold them close to my heart.

With Love and Appreciation,

Nagee

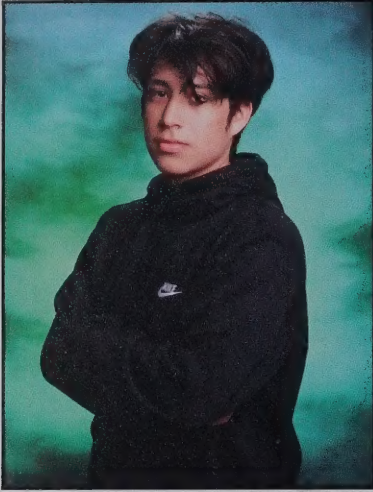


Fanta Kamara

I have absolutely enjoyed these four years as a Phoenix. Being around the class of 2023 has been great, but it's a shame that it's coming to an end. I look up to most of you as brothers and sisters. We come to school every morning even though it's draining. We brighten up each other's day, without even knowing, with jokes or a simple "hello, how you doing." We want to witness each other win, which is very inspirational, and there has always been respect among us, and I will always admire that. I believe our class can withstand anything! This departure is bittersweet but it's time to accept that these enjoyable timeless moments cannot last forever. I wish you all the best and hope that we can meet again in the future.



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Steve Luis

University High School has been a community where the people have always had each other's back and that has been a thing from my freshman year until now. It's timeless! I am very proud to say that I was and will always be a part of University High School since this school has helped me become a better person. To the upcoming senior class, I want to say that you guys are going to be in charge of the students coming after you. Give them advice and encourage them. I made lots of friends and I feel like I left a mark in the school. Class of 2024, leave a mark.



Rylie McMillan

THANK YOU CLASS OF 2023! Although we are finally graduating from high school, none of our stories are over. The pandemic prompted an online learning environment and produced a distinctive high school experience, so it's been a crazy trip. We did, however, find the bright side by fortifying our relationships and sticking together during these trying times. We have bonded, and I'm so grateful to have met all of you. Being a Phoenix has only offered us all happiness and chances to demonstrate to everyone why they #shouldhavebeenaphoenix, I can't wait to witness your influence on this world.



C'wan Merritt

This is crazy! I could've sworn I was just a freshman walking long halls, having track practice on the second floor (legs giving out on the stairs when you have to go to the 3rd floor) and basketball practice in the dome or the gym. In my opinion, life isn't timeless and you should use all the time that you are given wisely. I used my time to take advantage of many opportunities throughout all four years of high school. Coming into freshman year, I was motivated to join a club, a sport and find something I liked to do. The motivation helped me and I know it will help you in the long run also. Stay determined and push through many obstacles that high school gave you and that life will bring. Stay blessed! CJ out.

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Adour'e Mitchell-Williams

First of all, I thank God for allowing me to be here and giving me knowledge to succeed in life. Thanks to my mother, grandmother, uncle and the rest of the family for being there when I needed them. To my best friend, Riley, thank you for being my friend all these years. I'm going to miss the class of 2023. I want to thank everyone who has been a part of my life. If you know me, then you know I love school but to leave U.H.S. is a blessing because I've worked hard and I know that I must go to college and do something with my life. My reason for the way I think is my mom and I would have never made it this far without her. I also would like to acknowledge and shout out Ms. Gordon and Ms. King.



Brandon Nero

Class of 2023, we have now concluded our years for high school and will be moving forward to the next step, which may be work, college, or something else. Thank you University High School for everything you have done and all the help you provided me. And, thank you to all of my classmates for going along this journey with me. I would also like to thank the most important person to me, my mom. Without her nothing would even happen in my life. This year has been one of the best so far and I plan to make the years to come even better. This year will be timeless!

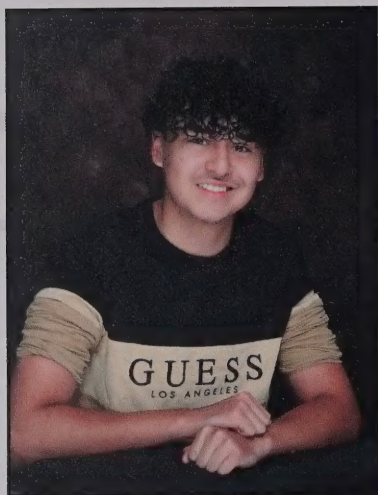


Naa Nakkor Noi

From the greetings in the morning to the good nights at 2:40, University High School created a Phoenix Family. From the funny faces that were priceless to the moments that seemed timeless, University has been a school where you'd want to be! Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence is what they demand to see. Nobody's perfect, but we all have the responsibility to utilize resources and opportunities! I wouldn't be the person I am today if it wasn't for the school community. Farewell to all of you and I wish you the best in all that you choose to do.



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Brandon Palacios

Dear classmates,

As we say farewell and embark on new journeys, I want to remind you that the memories we've shared and the lessons we've learned will always be timeless. The bond we've formed and the impact we've made will remain with us forever. Let us cherish these moments and continue to strive for greatness. Thank you for the privilege of being a part of such an incredible class.

Farewell, friends



Charles Perez

As I write this farewell, I am filled with mixed emotions. On one hand, I am excited to embark on a new chapter of my life, but on the other, I will deeply miss the place that has been my home for the past four years.

One of the most important aspects of my time here has been my involvement in sports and the law academy. I have created bonds with my many of my teammates, as we won hard fought games, and with my classmates, as we powered through each law class.

The memories I created during my four years at University High will be timeless.



Aaliyah Perry-Tillman

Going to school at University has been filled with a rollercoaster of emotions. I transferred to the school my junior year and even with me being kind of an outsider, I still experienced the same love other students did from the coaches and staff. I am very thankful that even with the transition, I was able to meet friends that I will take with me beyond high school. And not only did this school help me grow me as a person, but I've gotten the chance to experience things I probably would've never experienced if I hadn't made the transition. Now, being a senior, I wish going to school here was timeless.

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Arshad Persaud

This is it co23!

I remember it like it was yesterday, my first day of freshman year walking those halls getting used to the environment and meeting new people I had never seen before. It was all different but it made me who I am today. From the concerts, pep rallies, sports events, programs, grade meetings and even the staff, it was all timeless. The spirit of University will always be high. I am thankful for University High and can't wait for what life has in store for graduating class of 2023, THE BEST CLASS!



Naomi Reyes

Farewell to my lunch table best friends, our memories both in and out of school will for sure be timeless. You guys kept me going and I hope we all continue to succeed in life after this year. You better stay in contact or else. Bye to the other friends I made this year, good luck everyone and much love!

~ Naomi Reyes

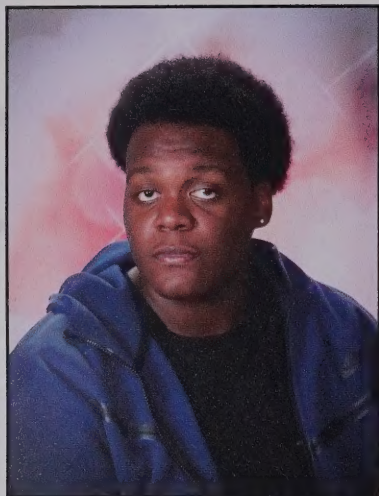


Janasia Scott

After four long years of the endless ups and downs of high school, I can happily say that the friends I made and memories I've created made these past years timeless. It's crazy how quick this time has passed. Four years ago I was an 8th grader, anxious and a little scared about stepping into the high school world. When I finally got here I met some of the most amazing people ever, created bonds I genuinely think will last me forever, making memories I will always treasure and love. All of the timeless laughter and jokes made at University are stuck with me. I never believed anyone when they would tell me these four years would fly but looking back as a senior about to graduate I'm happy I cherished these moments.



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Leron Simon

These past four years have been fun, timeless. I met some amazing people, and there was never a dull moment. I learned new things, about myself and the world around me and all its dangers. In all honesty, I'd do it all over again if I could. But, it's time to go on. So with that being said, farewell. Farewell to the locker I never used. Farewell to the cafeteria that was almost always cold, I'm going to miss that corner table. Farewell to the hot classes that I'm not going to miss. I wish the best of luck to the underclassmen. It's not going to get easier but I hope you can push through just as I did and as I'm going to do for the next couple of years. But, when it's all over, I can say I'm a University Phoenix Alumnus.



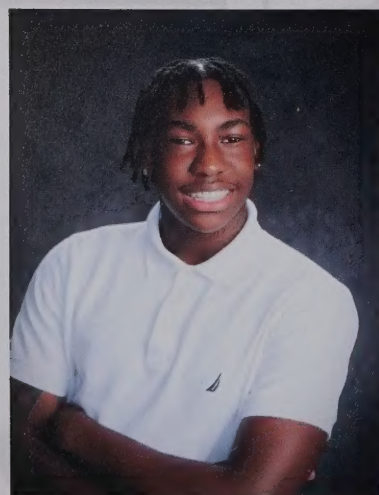
Angel Simpson

Dear Staff and Class of 2023,

Farewell to this Timeless Moment!

There are so many things that you can do! Celebrate with your loved ones. It has been a long, challenging road. However, we were able to get through it and make it to the finish line. I hope that you all had a wonderful time in high school, class of 2023. May all your wishes and dreams come true. I know you all will do amazing things in the careers you decide on. Wishing you all the best!

Angel



Corey Staggers

It's hard to believe that high school has come to an end. It feels like we were just freshmen, nervous and uncertain about what the future held. And now, we are ready to move on to the next chapter in our lives. We have shared countless memories, experiences, and laughter that will remain timeless. It is amazing to think about how much we have grown and how far we have come as individuals. Let's not forget the lessons we've learned and the memories we've made. Let's carry them with us as we embark on new adventures and create new memories. Thank you for making these four years unforgettable. I wish you all the best in your future.

Which speaks on a theme that is timeless

Ashley Tejada

I wish I could say that I'm ready to let you and everything that came with you, go, but I'm not sure. I understand that in reality time can never stand still. From now on, you'll only be a thought reminisced, a time long gone. I now have other things to look forward to. Still you'll be a time forever frozen in my mind, a place I can go back to and smile upon, or frown upon.

Even if only to me, you will remain forever timeless.

-Ashley Tejada



Phoenix-Bluu Therlonge

These last four years have been an emotional rollercoaster. Events such as the Pandemic occurred when I first came to University and along with that, I was a transfer student. Being a transfer student led me to believe that it was going to be hard to adjust to a new environment. When I first arrived, I was shy and nervous, but who isn't on their first day? As the days went by, I noticed that there was an instant appearance of unconditional love from the students and the teachers at University. As we come to our last final days I realize that this is the end of our road but an opening to a timeless beginning.



Zakiyah Tolbert

These four years at University High School have been so timeless. Years with wonderful memories and making great friendships with people have been enjoyable. I am thankful for the loving and caring people that I have met here. My years as a Phoenix is something that I will remember forever.



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Hidiyah Torres

Farewell 23

The stress the pain, The lost the gain.
Still can't wrap my head, Doesn't even seem real,
Didn't know what I read, I just wanted to chill.
Prime year as a freshman, I start to decline,
But I got better, From time to time.
I had given up, A grasp of hope,
Felt so down, I was in a choke.
Education is key, Bring me success,
Mentors to teachers, I knew my best.
I stand here in front of a crowd, Timeless!



Sage Vernon-Rodney

During my 4 years here attending University, I have met some of the funniest, weirdest people, lol, and I would not change these timeless moments for anything! It's been nice knowing the people I got to share laughs with. I wish everyone the best.



Zolanni Warren

Dear Class of 2023,

We finally made it! I will miss you guys so much. We had so many trials and tribulations throughout our four years here. Some of us might have wanted to give up, but I'm glad that we pushed through it all. I would like to acknowledge some teachers that helped my years here be timeless. I would like to thank Mr. Jannah and Mr. Billups for providing me with insight on History and encouraging me to "think outside the box." Thank you Ms. Jones for offering good advice. Thank you Dr. Lopez for not giving up on me and helping me improve. Finally, Class of 2023, I hope you guys are successful in life.

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Ma'Khia Williams

We ran out of time, it's now about to end. These timeless moments I've had with all of you will be unforgettable. Thanks for the good, bad, fun, stressful, funny, and entertaining memories. When we see each other again I know we'll have some great stories to tell about our times here. Love you guys mat3rialgurl out<3.



Mikayla Womack

Farewell Room 219 and to all the timeless days I've spent there during my 7th grade year. Farewell to the auditorium where I've performed countless times even before attending University. Farewell to the three months I lost, during my Freshman year, due to Covid. The first seven months (after our return) were the best I could ask for to start my high school years. FAREWELL to Virtual learning, because only God knows how I made it past 10th grade. Farewell to my best year in high school, junior year, where I made some of the best bonds and learned myself the most. Last but not least, farewell Class of 2023! I look forward to seeing my classmates as I prosper in the upcoming years.



Kawiona Young

To the Class of 2023: I remember when I first came to University, I had no intention of making friends but I was wrong. During these past four years, I have had likes and dislikes which all played a role in teaching me life lessons that will help me along the way. Though I am happy to be starting a new chapter, it sucks to be leaving behind amazing timeless memories. I wish you guys the best of luck on your future career, I will miss you.



A Celebration***

A time for looking back on lessons learned,
adventures shared, bright moments filled
with special meaning.

A Farewell***

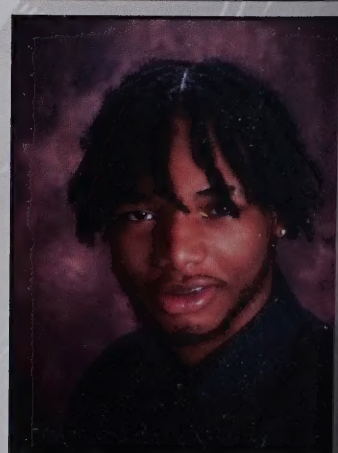
A time for saying goodbye to old friends,
to times you've known--a time for
packing away memories, treasures for tomorrow.

A Beginning***

A time to look forward, a time to set new goals,
to dream new dreams, to try your wings and
see what lies beyond.

I wish you all the best as you continue on your
journey of education. I know you will be amazing!

-McKay



Simone Sunley
Salutatorian, Class of 2023



Dear University High school & Class of 2023,
What a time it has been... It is no small feat to survive high school. As you may know, I am super laid-back, and I do not speak on everything but I must share these acknowledgements. I want to make sure I thank all of my teachers, administrators, and staff for all of the educational teachings and moral lessons learned, I appreciate you being there for always being there for me every step and every day. To all my friends, thank you for always being there in good and in bad times. I love you! To my peers and underclassmen, do not squander this time, nor should you forsake it. I am telling you to embrace it, like it, love it, and above all never, give up! There are going to be easy days and believe you me there will be hard days. Just take a breath, focus and everything will make sense. I promise... Let me leave you with this, while four years may sound like a long time, this journey has been timeless for me and I am grateful for every moment. The next four years should be even better! #GLADIWASAPHOENIXFarewell,
Your Class of 2023 Salutatorian,
Simone M.K. Sunley

Sometimes *you never* **Know** *the Value* of a
Moment until it becomes a **Memory**.

Congratulations to Rylie McMillan



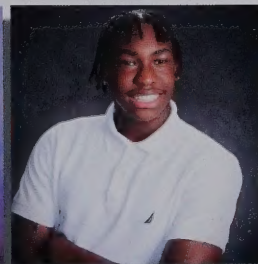
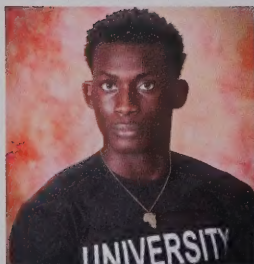
*Rylie,
I love you, and I am
proud to be your
mother. Many
blessings on your
promising journey
ahead. This world will
blossom from your
leadership, light, and
love. Keep becoming
and keep striving.
Mom*



*Congratulations Rylie!
We are so proud of
you and the young
woman you have
become. You have
grown up beautifully
and there is not a thing
that we would change
about you! We are
extremely grateful for
all the
accomplishments you
were able to achieve.*



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*To My Rider Simone...congrats on all the
hard work. I revel in your discipline,
perseverance, and dedication to
excellence. You have made me the
proudest mom and I am your biggest fan!!
For this next chapter you are about to walk
in, just know that 537 miles won't separate
us. I am always with you and a FaceTime
away! I love you and its only up from here!!
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Dear Leron,

Congratulations son! You have indeed made us proud. A bright future awaits you and we wish you all the best on your next journey.

Love Always,
Mom & Dad



**Leron
Simon**

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Ka'Ren Fontaine
Joann and Ira Hardy
Caseem Dewitt
Jamila Dewitt
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Sandra Burroughs
Clara Green



Dear Drake,

We are so proud of you and the accomplishments that you have made during high school. You have grown up to be a great young man. We know you will continue to do well in your future journey.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations to Drake Barnes

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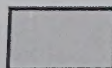
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*Congratulations on your achievements
Leron! We wish you well now and on all
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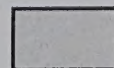
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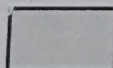
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